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PREFACE.

This volume, the ninth issued under the direction of the Committee on Library, contains the Minutes of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. and A. M., 1855–1858.

The most important event of that period was the dedication of the Masonic Hall on Chestnut Street in 1855. A full account of the dedication is printed as Appendix A. Other Appendices contain the addresses of the Grand Masters, the reports of the Grand Secretary, of the Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, and of the Committee on Correspondence.

The student and reader will find much that is instructive and interesting in these addresses and reports; more especially in Past Grand Master Brother Richard Vaux's report as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. This is the first of that Brother's celebrated writings on Freemasonry and which he continued, as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence until 1862, (when he was elected Junior Grand Warden,) and from 1875 till his death in 1895. This position gave Brother Vaux his reputation as a Masonic student and writer and enabled him to be of the greatest service to the Craft throughout the entire Masonic world.

Steel portraits have been inserted of Brothers Peter Williamson and John K. Mitchell, who served as Grand Masters during 1856 to 1858, and also a view of the front of the Masonic Hall on Chestnut Street, which was occupied from 1855 until 1873.

The volumes previously issued cover the following years:—

Volume I—1779–1801.
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MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 15, A. D., 1855, A. L. 5855.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Extra Quarterly Communication, held in the Masonic Hall South 3rd St.

Present: Bro. JAMES HUTCHINSON, R. W. G. M. Bro. Peter Williamson, R. W. D. G. M. Bro. John K. Mitchell, R. W. S. G. W. Bro. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. J. G. W. Bro. Thomas E. Baxter, R. W. G. Dep. G. Sec. Bro. Gustavus Remak, S. G. Deacon. Bro. Richard Treas. Bro. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec. Bro. William H. Nicols, Vaux, J. G. Deacon. Bro. George P. Little, G. Marshal. Bro. Robert Clark, G. Sword Bearer. Bro. R. Stirling Wilson and Bro. Charles Bard Reese, G. Stewards. Bro. Horace L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant. Bro. William Barger and Bro. James Page, P. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Blackburn. No. 3, English, Martin, Thomson, Padmore, Ashton, Sites. No. 9, Leach, Atkinson, Booth, Henderson Brothers, Kelly. No. 19, Nicols, Thomas, Griscom, Wilson, Bradley, Hodges, Karrick, Musters, Patton. No. 25, Benezett. No. 45, Adair. No. 51, Howell, Evans, Workman, Thomson, Syz. No. 52, Pearson, Wilson, Smith, Fitch, Ferguson. No. 59, Adams, Taylor, Latimer. No. 62, Heisler. No. 67, Hutchinson, Squibb, Baugh, Smith, Reese. No. 71, Hancock, Jones, Frismuth, Kauffman. No. 72, Chase, Ashton, O'Harra, Thompson, Phillips. No. 91, Casey, Swain, Perkins, Badger. No. 114, Clark, Baxter, Huddell, Sharp, Thomson, Hamm. No. 115, McCloud, Hermburger, Parker, Heylin, Black. No. 121, Vaux, Mitchell, See, Lenning, Peterson. No. 125, Remak, Ziegler, Kienzle, Muckle. No. 126, Page. No. 130, Riley, Lescure, Strickland, Young, Oliver, Brown, Kirkpatrick. No. 131, Moore, Miller, Price, Smith. No. 134, Stocker, King, Jackson, Goddard, Roney. No. 155, Gowie. No. 158, Shields, Reed, Oliver. No. 186, Little, Smith, Begley. No. 187, Albertson, Parsons. No. 211, Cartwright, Crockett. No. 227, Mulholland. No. 230, Graeff. No. 245, Carr. No. 271, Maher, Rhinestine. No. 272, Rubicam, Cowan, Goddard, Hornor. No. 289, Gwyn, Phillips. No. 292, Eckles.

Fifty-four Lodges represented, thirty-four by Members and twenty by Proxy.

Grand Lodge opened at ¼ past 6 o'clock, P. M. in Ample Form.

Amendments to the By-laws of Lodges Nos. 115, 134, 203, and 220 were presented, also copies of the By-laws of Lodges Nos. 269 and 289 and on motion were referred to the Committee on By-laws.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 288 appointing Bro. Leon Hyneman their Proxy. On motion the communication was ordered to be filed and Brother Leon Hyneman acknowledged as the Proxy of said Lodge.

The following communication was read and on motion was referred with all the accompanying papers to a special Committee of three.

LAWRENCEVILLE, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PA., July, 1854.

To Wm. H. Adams, Grand Sec. Grand Lodge of Pa.

DEAR SIR, My husband was a mason for more than 20 Years previous to his death in 1851, in a Lodge called Hamilton Lodge, No. 173, he was a member during its existence. In 1837 or 1838 they ceased to work and the funds which amounted to $250 was loaned to my husband and another member of the Lodge named Robert Cinnamon. They gave their obligation to Alba Fisk, Samuel Garrison and D. R. McNair who were members of the Lodge. Some years ago Mr. Fisk died and D. R. McNair has been absent some 12 or 13 Years and this claim Samuel Garrison has acknowledged frequently belonged to the Lodge. Mr. Garrison was Treas. of the Lodge at the time and he has had the Judgment renewed in his own name for his own use and now seeks to oppress me and sacrifice what little property my husband left me to live on and is trying to force a payment only to get the money into his own pocket. The amount for which he is pressing was originally $200 but with the interest since 1838, it amounts to $428.00 or thereabouts.

Hoping you will take the matter into your favorable consideration and lay the matter before the Grand Lodge at its first Meeting and institute such other inquiries as you may think proper and drop me a line at your earliest convenience.

I subscribe myself Your most humble servant,

HANNAH SARBER.

The following was attached to the foregoing, to wit:

Having belonged to the Lodge called Hamilton Lodge, No. 173, in Lawrenceville in 1837 and 8, and having read the foregoing statement of Mrs. Sarber know that her statements are correct.

Signed, SAMUEL SHERIDAN, *Allegheny County.*

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bros. H. C. Howell, Robert Clark and Daniel Thompson on said Committee.

A communication was read from a number of Brethren, members of Lodge No. 278, held at Johnstown, Penna., praying that a Warrant may be granted to them in place of the old one destroyed by fire on the night of November 28th, 1854. On motion duly made and seconded, the matter was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

The following communication was read and on motion was referred to a special Committee of three, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Master, Grand Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Penna.

Brethren, the necessity of an appeal to your honorable body has devolved upon me in consequence ot the injustice which I met with by Solomons Lodge, No. 114, which the following facts exhibit, to wit:

I had the honor of membership in Solomon's Lodge, No. 114, for several years and always exerted my best endeavors to promote its prosperity but ultimately met with misfortune, in consequence of the illness of my family which rendered me unable to pay my dues and led to my suspension in the year 1850 or 1851. In the year 1853 I made application to said Lodge for payment and restoration which took place in March, 1854, and at the stated meeting in April, 1854, before the reading of the Minutes of the meeting at which I had been reinstated, the proceedings with regard to my reinstatement were reconsidered, which I hold to be wrong and ask of your honorable body to interfere in my behalf for the just support of my rights.

Respectfully and fraternally Yours, —— ——

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bros. E. P. Lescure, Samuel C. Perkins and Horace L. Peterson on the foregoing Committee.

The following communication from Lodge No. 186 was read and on motion was referred to a special Committee of three, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Master and Members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

At a Stated Meeting of Eastern Star Lodge, No. 186, held November 8th, 1854, the communication from the Grand Lodge and their action on the appeal of Bro. —— of Lodge No. 186 was read and referred to a Committee of three, viz.: Bros. George H. Hufty, George Smith and John E. Zeigler. That Committee at the Stated Meeting Dec. 13th, 1854, made the following report which was unanimously adopted.

To the Officers and Members of Lodge No. 186 your Committee to whom was referred the communication from the Grand Lodge relative to the case of Bro. —— —— would respectfully report that they have given the matter due consideration and find that Bro. —— has not been guilty of any unmasonic conduct. That his character stands unusually fair with the members of this Lodge and with the members of other Lodges. And as the Grand Lodge directed Eastern Star Lodge not to advance Bro. —— we ask this Lodge to respectfully suggest to the Grand Lodge to remove the prohibition.

Signed, George H. Hufty, George Smith and John E. Ziegler.

Respectfully yours, GEORGE P. LITTLE, *Secretary.*

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint on the foregoing Bros. James Page, Edward Strickland and W. W. Thomson as a Special Committee.

The following communication was read from Lodge No. 62, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Pennsa.

The petition of the undersigned respectfully represent that he has heretofore been a member of Reading Lodge, No. 62, A. Y. M., and was on the 6th day of March, 1833, expelled from membership therein on account of non-payment of dues and for no other cause, as the records of said Lodge attest. He therefore prays that the said Lodge may have power to restore him to membership therein upon such terms as it may deem proper and in accordance with Masonic usage.

——— ———

READING, Dec. 27th, 1854.

On motion the following Committee were appointed to confer with the R. W. Grand Lodge asking for authority to reinstate Bro. ——— ———. Mahlon Bertolett, Geo. E. Clymer and J. F. Bellemar.

Extract from Minutes of No. 62.

Attest: S. H. GARRIGUES, *Sec.*

READING, Octo. 4, 1854.

On motion duly made and seconded, the prayer of the petitioners was granted.

The following communication was also read and permission granted to hold a reballot provided each member be duly notified of the time said ballot was to be held, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pa. and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

The undersigned, a resident of the City of Reading, in the County of Berks, hereby most respectfully represents that in the month of March, 1848, he made application in due form for Membership in Lodge No. 62 which said application by action held finally by said Lodge on the 5th of April same year was not approved but rejected. Entertaining still the most favorable opinions and highest veneration of the Institution and a desire of knowledge, I most earnestly pray that I may be placed before said Lodge as I was previously to rejection and that authority may be given for a reballot in my case and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray, &c.

Signed, ——— ———

READING, Jany. 3d, 1855.

We the Officers of Lodge No. 62 beg leave to recommend the above petition to the R. W. Grand Lodge as a person who in our opinion is worthy of entering into the Mysteries of our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity.

George E. Clymer, W. M., Marks Jno. Biddle, S. W., F. M. Huster, J. W.

Attest: S. H. GARRIGUES, *Secretary.*

The following communication was read from Bro. —— and on motion duly made and seconded, was referred to a special Committee.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penns.

The undersigned respectfully represents that he joined Lodge No. 51 nearly ten years since and has continued a member up to this time and have endeavoured to pay my dues with all the promptness, my circumstances permitted, on the second or third day after our regular stated meeting in November I received a note from Bro. John Thomson, our Secretary, with a resolution annexed thereto as follows:

Bro. —— ——.

DEAR SIR, At the last stated meeting of Lodge No. 51, the following Resolution was passed of which it becomes my duty to apprise you of, viz: *Resolved*, That the Secretary be directed to notify Bro. —— —— that unless his indebtedness to the Lodge is before Saint John's day next, Dec. 27th, reduced to not over one years dues he will stand suspended for non-payment of dues. The balance of your dues to Saint John's Day next is $17. Fraternally yours.

Signed, JOHN THOMSON, *Secretary.*

I met the Treas., Bro. Michael Bouvier, on the morning of the last stated meeting in Dec., the only meeting of the Lodge since I received the above notice from Brother Thomson and remarked to him if I was not in the Lodge this evening to pay my dues and when I return form New York which would be in 3 or 4 days I would repay him, this he promised to do. I did not go to New York. On the Stated night of Meeting I went to the Hall So. 3d St. at about 20 Min. past 6 o'clock, P. M. and to my utter surprise and mortification I learned I had been suspended. I was prepared to either pay the Lodge or repay Bro. Bouvier. After a moments reflection I sent into the Lodge a note of which the following is a true copy.

Worshipful Master and respected Brother of Lodge No. 51,

I received a note from Brother Thomson, Sec., some two or three days after our last stated meeting in November which I enclose to you.

I received no notice this month from the Sec. stating the hour the Lodge would meet. I however arrived here at 6½ o'clock, P. M. I am prepared to pay my dues. I have been a member of Lodge No. 51 for nearly ten years and pray admittance. Truly and fraternally,

P. S.—This is the first opportunity I have had to comply with your resolution since I received it.

After waiting a considerable time in the greatest suspense and anxiety I received a verbal answer from the Tyler, that my communi-

cation was laid on the table. In this state of the affair I humbly and earnestly appeal to the Grand Lodge for justice and restoration to my rights as a Mason, rights which from the close intimacy which I have had with the Brethren, have become as dear to me as life itself; which I feel has been wrongfully and I fear maliciously taken away from me. Long before, and since I found the Order, I felt that the Institution was one of Charity, Brotherly Love and Kindness, and still having these feelings I am sure the Grand Lodge, in her wisdom, will set me right and enable me to regain my position. Fraternally and Truly.

Signed, ——— ———

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint on the foregoing appeal Bros. William English, Joseph S. Riley, John L. Goddard, Committee.

An application was read from a number of Brethren asking for a new Warrant in the City of Philada. Naming Bro. Herman Yerkes the first Worshipful Master; Brother William E. Harper, first Senior Warden; Brother Charles Gilpin, first Junior Warden. On motion duly made and seconded, was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A communication was read from Rising Star Lodge, No. 126, Complaining of the action of Lodge No. 43 at Lancaster in refusing admittance to Bro. —— —— a member of Lodge No. 126 as a visitor to Lodge No. 43. After considerable interchange of opinion it was on motion duly made and seconded, referred to the Committee of Landmarks to report at Quarterly Communication in March next, if possible.

The following communication was read and on motion duly made and seconded, was referred to a special Committee of Three, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsa.

The undersigned respectfully represents that he was regularly E. P. and Raised to the degree of a M. M. in Lodge No. 130 under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, that recently and since the last meeting of the Grand Lodge having understood he was suspended for non-payment of dues. He made enquirey for the purpose of an application to pay his dues to the said Lodge and be reinstated as a member in good standing, when he learned and for the first time that he had been expelled but for what particular offence he did not hear and does not know, the undersigned regretting this and knowing no justifiable cause for such expulsion prays that the Grand Lodge will grant him such redress as may enable him again to be a member of said Lodge upon payment of his dues and he will pray, &c.

Signed, ——— ———

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bros. Washington Heimberger, Mathew Cartwright and Aaron Waters, a Committee in the above case.

The following report was accepted and the Committee discharged, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsa.

The Committee to whom was referred a communication from Lafayette Lodge, No. 199, read at Extra Quarterly Communication held Octr. 2d, 1854. After a careful examination of the subject with all the additional information they could obtain from Lodge No. 199 respectfully report,

That in reference to the subject matter, to wit: An appeal by a P. M. of the Lodge from the Decision of the W. M. in entertaining a motion for a 2nd Ballot for a rejected applicant. In their opinion such an appeal cannot be sustained as in the words of the A. R. the law is explicit, viz: "If an applicant be rejected, &c." See A. R. folio 161. In the Opinion of your committee Mr. —— —— was entitled to a 2nd Ballot, as no particular time is specified by the law."

In reference to the 2nd query relative to the withdrawal of a petition. Your Committee have no other opinion than the law given in the A. R. which is clear and explicit on the point at issue, to wit: "An applicant for Membership may withdraw his petition before report made thereon or afterwards if the report be favourable.

All of which is respectfully submitted. Signed,

G. Parker Cummings, James Simpson, George K. Zeigler,
Committee.

The following report was read and elicited considerable discussion but finally not agreed to.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsa.

The Committee to whom by resolution of Septr. 4th, 1854, was referred a proposed alteration of the Rules and Regulations relative to Initiation Fees, beg leave to report, that they have given the subject a careful and dispassionate consideration, have discussed it among themselves and have sought light by enquiries and intercourse with the Brethren generally and have arrived at the conclusion, that it is expedient and proper that an uniform rate of Fees should be established. They are not insensible to the force of the objection that the Lodges have heretofore regulated this matter for themselves and that they ought to continue to do so. Yet while the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge once gave this permission without qualification, it afterwards became necessary by special regulations to fix twenty-five dollars as the minimum price for the City and fifteen dollars for the Country Lodges, but as each Lodge may charge as much more as it sees fit. Many of the City Lodges have raised the price to fifty dollars and it is known that others will do the same and this sum appears at the present time to be considered the price that ought to be charged in Philada. and it is generally conceded that the minimum price of the Country Lodges is too small.

While this state of things continues it is obvious that great evils

must arise from irregularities in prices, on the other hand a Lodge wishing to increase its members may tempt strangers by its cheap initiation fee, while on the other hand a Lodge, desirous of being considered exclusive or aristocratic, may raise the fee so high as to place initiation in that lodge within the power of but few, for it is an undeniable though melancholy truth that notwithstanding the scope and tendency of Freemasonry is to make us all recognize each other as Brothers, walking on the same level and with no distinction save that which merit can bestow. Yet some Masons, partaking largely of the human infirmatives of pride, vanity and the like, arrogate to themselves some fancied superiority over the rest of their Brethren and are disposed to carry out this idea by organization into Lodges exclusive in their character and by not mingling or associating with the Craft at large. On the other hand it has come to the knowledge of this Committee that inquiries are not unfrequently made out of doors for cheap Lodges and it is possible that a Lodge with a low Initiation fee, might, by a prospect of a great accession of members, be tempted to pay more attention to their quantity than their quality. To obviate these evils, to promote equality amongst the Lodges and to remove all inducements for any illegitimate preference of one Lodge over another, your Committee are of opinion that there should be an uniform rate, that no more nor no less should be charged; they approve of the resolution before the Grand Lodge and report it with modifications not effecting the principle but carrying out its details and guarding against evasions if this be adopted it in no way trenches on the independence or freedom of the subordinate Lodges, assumes no power not heretofore exercised, is fair, just and equal in its character and should it be found not to work well in practice, can hereafter be repealed or modified.

Your Committee therefore recommend the passage of the annexed resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the proposition before the Grand Lodge for an uniform rate of Initiation fees be amended to read as follows and as so amended adopted, to wit: The fees for Initiation in the Lodges meeting within Three Miles of the New Hall, Chestnut Street, shall be fifty dollars and no more or less. The fees for Initiation in all other Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge shall be $30 and no more or less and the Initiation fee shall always be paid in advance and no part of it refunded under any pretext whatever.

All of which is respectfully submitted. Signed,

HARMAN BAUGH, ALTEMUS PHILLIPS, ROBERT R. HODGES, *Committee.*

PHILA., Dec. 4th ,1854.

The following report from the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund was read when after amending the resolution attached thereto by striking out $200 for distribution and inserting $300 the whole was approved and agreed to.

PHILA., Dec. 4th, 1854.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund respectfully submit the following report of the receipts and disbursements of the last year. The present state of the Fund committed to their charge and the transactions in relation thereto since the date of their last report, to wit:

RECEIPTS BY THEIR TREASURER.

Bal. in Bank as per last report				$420 15
Cash paid Treasurer surplus over investments in new Masonic Loan			1 82	
"	"	" returned by J. L. Jones	10 00	
"	"	" interest on Ground Rent at Chester	84 77	
"	"	" interest on $700 Southwark Loan, State Tax off	33 07	
				$549 81

DISBURSEMENTS BY TREASURER.

Cash paid on 34 applications for relief		$285 00	
"	" taxes on lot in Germantown for 1853	6 20	
			291 20
Leaving a balance in the Treasury this date of			$258 61
Of this sum there is in the Southwark Bank to account of Treasurer,			216 54
And in the Treas. hands,			42 07
Making in all,			$258 61

The present state of the Fund is as follows, to wit:

INVESTED.

100 shares new Masonic Loan @ 6 p. ct.,	$5,000 00
District of Southwark Loan 5 per ct.,	700 00
Bond Mortgage on lot in Germantown at Six per cent.,	3,200 00
Ground Rent on lot in Chester 6 p. ct.,	354 16
Interest due one year Jan. 1 1855 on 92 shares new M. Loan..	276 00
" say 4 mos. on 8 shares " "	8 00
" Six Months Ground Rent at Chester,	10 62
Bal. in Treasury this date	258 61
Total,	$9,807 39
State of the Fund as per last report,	$6,076 13
Increased in productive investments	$3,731 26
Deduct amount rece'd for Germantown Lot,	3,600 00
Net increase of Fund as per report of last year,	$131 26

In obedience to a resolution of the Grand Lodge The Trustees sold the lot in Germantown for three thousand six hundred dollars ($3600) receiving in payment $400 in cash the balance secured by Bond and Mortgage payable in one year from the date of its being executed, they have also extinguished the Ground Rent at Chester giving a deed to that effect to Bro. James Campbell the occupant of the premises. The cash on this transaction will be paid on the 20th Instant, at which time the Trustees will deliver the deed and other title papers connected therewith and invest the amount in New Masonic Loan. They also contemplate, after the first of January next when the Transfer Books will be again opened, disposing of the $700 Southwark 5 per cent. loan and invest the proceeds in the new Masonic Loan which at 6 per cent. will yield a larger dividend to the fund than is derived from the present investment, the state tax being now charged the same as on dividends of six per cent.

From the foregoing statement it will be seen that all the property belonging to the fund under the charge of your Trustees is now productively invested, during the present year, the bond and mortgage above referred to will be paid and that amount also it is to be hoped will be invested in the 6 per cent. Masonic Loan, this accomplished the entire fund of the Trust will be concentrated, the permanency and certainty of the dividend secured, the fund itself augmented and the Trustees relieved of much trouble and labor. The Trustees submit the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, that the sum of two hundred dollars, exclusive of the Amount now in their Treasury, namely, $258,61, be and the same is hereby appropriated to the use of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, the same to be drawn from the dividends of said Fund and to be distributed in charity under the usual restrictions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, WILLIAM ENGLISH, JAMES B. BAGGS,
JAMES W. MARTIEN, JAMES KELLEY,
JOHN BRADLEY,
Trustees G. L. C. Fund.

The following report from the Committee on Finance was read, approved and the resolutions attached thereto adopted, to wit:

To the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report, that in obedience to their duties as laid down in the Ahiman Rezon, they submit a statement of the financial condition of the Grand Lodge.

The sum of 4231\frac{35}{100}$ as per the accompanying document marked A, but of this amount the Committee fear a great portion will not be collected unless vigorous measures be adopted to enforce payment.

The estimated receipts of the Grand Lodge for the Current Year are as follows:

From Lodges, Chapters, Encampments, &c		$17,000 00
" Dispensations, Certificates, &c		2,000 00
" Rents		6,000 00
In all		$25,000 00

The Estimated disbursements are as follows:

For Interest on Loans	$6,730 00	
" Salaries	1,650 00	
" Hall Committee	1,175 00	
" Grand Master	1,000 00	
" Grand Secretary	500 00	
" " Treasurer for taxes, &c., &c	600 00	
Making a Total of		$11,655 00

State of Masonic Loan.

The Masonic Loan of $110,000.00 authorized by the Grand Lodge for the purpose of building the New Hall now stands.

Amount subscribed	$95,120 62
Still wanting	14,879 38
	$110,000 00

In addition to the regular expenditures, as already estimated in this report, the Furnishing Committee of the New Hall will probably require at least $20,000 in the execution of their duties.

The Committee have audited the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and find them Correct leaving a balance in his hands of one thousand four hundred and twenty-two $\frac{67}{100}$ dollars.

From the foregoing statement it will be seen that the Finances of the Grand Lodge for the current Year 1855 will probably stand as follows:

Receipts.

Bal. on hand	$1,422 67	
Probable collections from back Debts	2,500 00	
Receipts from Lodges, Chapters, Encampments	17,000 00	
" Dispensations, &c	2,000 00	
" from Rents	6,000 00	
Total		$28,922 67

DISBURSEMENTS.

Appropriation No. 1,	Interest on Loans	$6,730 00	
No. 2, "	Salaries	1,650 00	
" 3, "	Hall Committee	1,175 00	
" 4, "	Grand Master	1,000 00	
" 5, "	" Treas.	600 00	
" 6, "	" Secretary	500 00	
Committee on furnishing		20,000 00	
Makes a total of			$31,655 00
Showing a deficit of			2,732 33

Towards paying the estimated disbursements for the year 1855.
All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, GEORGE SMITH, DANIEL THOMPSON,
JOSEPH S. RILEY, F. BLACKBURNE,
Committee.

JAN. 15, 1855.

The following resolutions proposed by the Committee on Finance was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the following appropriations be made in accordance with the report of the Finance Committee, to wit:

No. 1, Interest	$6,730
" 2, Salaries	1,650
" 3, Hall Committee	1,175
" 4, Grand Master	1,000
" 5, Grand Treasurer	600
" 6, " Secy.	500
	$11,655

Resolved, that a Committee of Three be appointed to collect outstanding dues from subordinate Lodges, with authority to visit the delinquent Lodges at the expense of the Grand Lodge when they deem it advantageous so to do.

The following was offered by Bro. Joseph S. Riley and on motion was postponed, the same to be printed for the use of the members the matter is as follows:

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient for the better preparation and maturing of the business of the Grand Lodge prior to its being brought forward for her action.

Therefore resolved, that standing Committees on the following subjects be appointed, to wit: A Standing Committee on granting and reviving Charters and kindred subjects to consist of nine members and at their organization they shall divide themselves into three

classes, No. 1 to serve one year, No. 2 two years, No. 3 three years, and they shall not be eligible to reappointment for the term of two years after they are out of office.

A Standing Committee on Appeals of Subordinate Lodges, members thereof, or applicants thereto for Initiation and kindred subjects to consist of nine members and at their organization they shall divide themselves into 3 classes, No. 1 to serve one year, No. 2 two years, No. 3 three years, and they shall not be eligible to reappointment for the term of two years after they are out of Office.

The Committee on Finance shall be increased to nine members and at their organization divide themselves as above and subject to same regulations.

The Trustees of the Charity Fund shall be increased to nine members and regulated the same as the foregoing.

The Grand Secretary upon the receipt of any communication, which contains subject matter relative to the business of either of the standing Committees or Trustees, shall hand the same to the Chairman of the Committee or Trustees within 24 Hours after its receipt.

Each of the standing Committees and Trustees shall keep Minutes of all their proceedings and record the same neatly in a book to be procured and kept for that purpose.

The Committee on Landmarks shall be increased to nine members and at their organization they shall be divided into 3 classes, No. 1 shall serve one year, No. 2 two years, No. 3 three years, and they shall not be eligible to reappointment for the term of 2 years after they are out of office.

The Committee to examine and publish the transactions of the past year shall be increased to nine members to be divided into 3 classes, No. 1 to serve for one year, No. 2 two years, No. 3 three years and they shall not be eligible to reappointment for the term of 2 years after they are out of office.

Resolved, that in the several Committees, Trustees, &c., four members shall constitute a quorum to transact any business of said departments.

The following was offered by Bro. Gustavus Remak and was approved and the resolutions attached thereto were adopted, to wit:

WHEREAS, an unusual depression in all mechanical and commercial pursuits has for some time passed paralyzed the source of subsistance of thousands of men in our community, leaving at this inclement season their suffering families, a prey to heart rendering poverty and hopeless starvation AND WHEREAS this Ancient and Honorable Fraternity has from time immemorial taught and practised charity, as well within as without the pale of the Brotherhood and has fondly cherished it as one of the indestructible Landmarks of its everlasting glory, Therefore

Resolved, that the sum of five hundred dollars be and is hereby

appropriated towards alleviating the wants of the suffering poor in our midst.

Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Master draw his warrant for said amount and hand the same over to the Committee of Citizens having charge of the general fund for the relief of the poor.

R. W. Past Grand Master, Bro. James Page, read the following reports and on motion duly made and seconded, the resolutions attached thereto were adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pa.

The Building Committee of the New Masonic Hall property report, that they have effected a temporary insurance on the said building for the sum of fifteen hundred dollars which although at the time is not now sufficient to cover the risk from fire, instead of a further temporary insurance, which occasions a loss of the premium paid, they suggest to the Grand Lodge the propriety of securing a permanent policy or policies for such an amount as will be sufficient fully to indemnify them in case of fire, said insurance to be obtained with the privilege of furnishing the building in such offices, as may be selected and approved by the said Committee. They respectfully submit the following Resolution for adoption.

Resolved, that the Building Committee be instructed and directed to have effected not exceeding eighty thousand dollars of perpetual insurance, on behalf of the Grand Lodge upon the New Masonic Hall, Chestnut Street between 7th and 8th Streets, in such offices and upon such terms as they deem most advantageous for the interest of said Grand Lodge.

On behalf of the Building Committee.

Signed, JAMES PAGE, *Chairman.*

PHIL., Jany. 15/1855.

The Chmn. of Building Committee further reported, "as follows" and Resolution attached thereto was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Building Committee respectfully report, that the paving in front and rear of the New Hall with granite blocks and curbing has been done in accordance with the resolutions of the Grand Lodge by S. K. Hoxsee, Contractor, under the direction of your Committee and to their entire satisfaction with as regards material and workmanship and his bill for the same which they recommend the payment of is as follows, to wit:

Granite pavement on Chestnut St. as per agreement.....	$2,499 25
" " on Lodge Alley do	1,065 00
Widening do on do do	117 83
10½ days drilling holes in granite.....	26 25
7 do holes iron posts.....	17 50
Making vault on Chestnut Street 10 x 8—6 x 6.....	36 00
	$3,761 83

They submit the following resolution:

Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Master be requested to draw a warrant on the R. W. Grand Treas. in favor of Solomon K. Hoxsee for the above amount.

Respectfully submitted, J. PAGE, *Chairman*.

JAN. 15, 1855.

On motion of R. W. Grand Junior Warden, Bro. Henry M. Phillips, the following resolution was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Master be authorized to effect such insurance as he may deem proper upon the furniture and other property of the Grand Lodge in the New Masonic Hall, Chestnut Street, and to draw his warrant upon the Grand Treasurer for such amount as may be necessary.

On motion of Bro. Robert P. Ring, Chairman of Committee on Furnishing, &c., New Hall and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, that the Chairman of the Furnishing Committee be and is hereby authorized to draw his warrant on the Grand Treasurer for all monies expended by the Furnishing Committee in fitting up and furnishing the New Hall said warrant to be approved by the Chairman of the Finance Committee and the R. W. the Grand Master.

The following communication was read, to wit:

47 So. 5th Street, Jan. 12, 1855.

DR. SIR, The Grand Lodge have not as yet sent me any official report to my note, written some time since, containing an application on behalf of the City Dancing Assembly for the payment of the mortgage on the 3d St. Hall which they hold. Will you do me the favor to lay this note before the proper officers, with a request that they will acquaint me as early as convenient with their action in the matter.

To H. M. Phillips, Esq. Yours truly, C. BIDDLE.

The foregoing was referred to the Committee on Finance and on motion duly made and seconded, said Committee were empowered to employ counsel to defend the interest of the Grand Lodge. If the same should be found necessary.

The following report from the Committee on By-laws was read and approved, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report, that they have examined the By-laws referred to them and would recommend that from the 15th Sect. of the By-laws of Lodge No. 45 all after the words at said Nov. Meeting be stricken out and the words and should he for the space of two months after having received notice of his said dues and the intention of the Lodge to take action thereon neglect or refuse payment thereof he may be suspended or expelled. That from Sec. 29th. of said By-laws the words except for

non-payment of dues as prescribed in Sec. 15th And "and in all cases of expulsion two thirds of the Members present are necessary to concur" be stricken out. That from Section 31st and 32nd the words "two-thirds" be stricken out and "majority" substituted and that said By-laws be then approved.

That the amendment to the By-laws of Lodges No. 115 134 and 138 be approved.

That the amendment to the By-laws of Lodge No. 203 be altered to read as follows:

FEES.

The fees for conferring the degrees and membership shall in all cases be paid in advance and shall be as follows, to wit:

For Initiation and Membership	$30 00
" admission of an E. A. M. who has rec'd his degrees elsewhere	20 00
" admission of a F. C. M. who has rec'd his degrees in another Lodge	10 00
" the admission of a M. M.	5 00

and thus altered approved.

That the amendments to the By-laws of Lodge No. 220 be confirmed.

That from Sec. 15 of the By-laws of Lodge No. 269 all after the words "stated meeting in December" be stricken out and the following substituted "he may be suspended or expelled after having been especially notified by the Secretary of his indebtedness and of the intention of the Lodge to take action thereon." That the words "except for non-payment of dues" and "in all cases of expulsion two-thirds of the Members present are necessary" be stricken from Sec. 21. That the words "two thirds of the Lodge" be stricken from Sect. 23 and the words "a majority of the Members present" be substituted and that said By-laws be then approved.

That the By-laws of Lodge No. 289 be approved.

That so much of the last By-laws, viz: Nos. 2, 69, and 289 as refers to fees for Initiation and Membership the Committee have not reported on, as that matter must depend on the course taken by this Grand Lodge on the report of the Committee appointed on that subject. Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, WILLIAM WHITNEY, ROBERT FRAZER, *Committee.*

PHIL., Jan. 15th, 1855.

The Grand Secretary stated that he had that day received from Bro. William Martin the last Worshipful Master of the old Lodge No. 69 formerly held in Chester, Delaware County, Penna., said Lodge having ceased work several years since, the Warrant. Which was on motion ordered to be filed with the papers of said Lodge in the archives of the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The General Returns from Lodges the number of members, num-

ber of Initiations, the officers elect and the suspensions, expulsions and rejections were read from the following Lodges.

Lodge No. 3. 247 Members, 26 Initiations. Bros. Charles Badmore, W. M.; James M. Leddy, S. W.; George F. Sites, J. W.; Dimeon Strickland, Treas.; William M. Martin, Sec.

Lodge No. 25. 68 Members, 12 Initiations. Bro. Pugh Dungan, W. M.; Joseph Stackhouse, S. W.; Jacob McBrien, J. W.; Jesse W. Knight, Treas.; Daniel M. Keim, Sec.

Lodge No. 43. 133 Members, 20 Initiations. Bro. Charles M. Howell, W. M.; Clement D. Hurst, S. W.; Jno. McCulla, J. W.; Henry L. Bahm, Treas.; John M. Westhaeffer, Sec.

Lodge No. 51. 130 Members, 11 Initiations. Bro. Owen Evans, W. M.; William Shippen, Jr., S. W.; John H. Weir, J. W.; Michael Bouvier, Treas.; John Thomson, Sec.

Lodge No. 59. 59 Members, 18 Initiations. Bro. Angus N. Macpherson, W. M.; James L. Taylor, S. W.; Benjamin A. Latimer, J. W.; John S. Yardley, Treas., and William H. Adams, Sec.

Lodge No. 67. 160 Members, 20 Initiations. Bro. Samuel A. Bispham, W. M.; Harvey Griffith, S. W.; Joseph N. Peirsol, J. W.; Harman Baugh, Treas.; Robert Hutchinson, Sec.

Lodge No. 71. 116 Members, 38 Initiations. Bro. Abraham B. Kauffman, W. M.; William G. Bamberry, S. W.; John Hancock, J. W.; Jeremiah L. Hutchinson, Treas.; Charles Frishmuth, Sec.

Lodge No. 72. 142 Members, 27 Initiations. Bro. Geo. H. Ashton, W. M.; Edwin A. Kelly, S. W.; Isaac H. O'Harra, J. W.; Joshua Sperring, Treas.; Edwin T. Chase, Sec.

Lodge No. 75. 48 Members, 6 Initiations. Bro. John Dobson, W. M.; Samuel Hunsicker, S. W.; Nathaniel B. Broomall, J. W.; John Vanderslice, Treas.; Arthur D. Markley, Sec.

Lodge No. 114. 156 Members, 11 Initiations. Bro. William P. Hamm, W. M.; William B. Huddell, S. W.; James S. Hinkel, J. W.; John J. Krider, Treas.; William W. Thomson, Sec.

Lodge No. 115. 98 Members, 22 Initiations. Bro. William S. Black, W. M.; Bennet Fulmer, S. W.; Joseph K. Parker, J. W.; Washington Heimberger, Treas.; John L. Heylin, Sec.

Lodge No. 126. 188 Members, 78 Initiations. Bro. F. Carl Brewster, W. M.; Michael Nisbet, S. W.; T. Edmond Harper, J. W.; Benjamin Mifflin, Treas.; Alfred P. Hesser, Sec.

Lodge No. 130. 166 Members, 36 Initiations. Bro. John L. Young, W. M.; John G. Pierson, S. W.; Alexander Kirkpatrick, J. W.; Jos. S. Riley, Treas.; E. P. Lescure, Sec.

Lodge No. 138. 36 Members, 6 Initiations. Bro. Elijah Bensinger, W. M.; Anthony Hager, S. W.; Thomas R. L. Ebur, J. W.; G. B. Zulick, Treas.; James P. Palm, Sec.

Lodge No. 144. 38 Members, 13 Initiated. Bro. Peter Winigarden, W. M.; Theodore S. Christ, S. W.; James Gibson, J. W.; Josiah Girton, Treas.; Samuel B. Van Valzah, Sec.

Lodge No. 152. 102 Members, 10 Initiations. Bro. George W. Yates, W. M.; Jacob C. Hagenbuck, S. W.; Herbert Thomas, J. W.; Jess Lines, Treas.; William M. Patterson, Sec.

Lodge No. 163. 23 Members, 1 Initiation. Bro. H. S. Salsbury, W. M.; O. P. Lyons, S. W.; Henry Tracy, J. W.; E. C. Kellog, Treas.; S. W. Alden, Sec.

Lodge 186. 252 Members, 83 Initiations. Bro. Thomas S. Bigley, W. M.; E. D. Brown, S. W.; Joshua Scattergood, J. W.; George Smith, Treas.; George P. Little, Sec.

Lodge No. 187. 104 Members and 34 Initiations. Thomas L. Simpson, W. M.; A. W. Hann, S. W.; William C. Parsons, J. W.; Jacob Rummil, Treas.; D. Rittenhouse, Sec.

Lodge No. 194. 15 Members, 0 Initiations. Elias R. Menges, W. M.; Benjamin Houseworth, S. W.; Jacob Hautze, J. W.; John Dietrich, Tr.; Isaac Hottenstein, Sec.

Lodge No. 199. 76 Members and 10 Initiations. Bro. Harrison T. Beardsley, W. M.; Ellison White, S. W.; William Parsons, J. W.; James Carscaden, Treas.; Philip Krebbs, Sec.

Lodge No. 211. 110 Members, 29 Initiations. Bro. Charles Wright, W. M.; John W. Lee, S. W.; Joseph Crockett, J. W.; Mathew Cartwright, Treas.; John Page, Sec.

Lodge No. 219. 102 Members, 15 Initiations. Bro. John Evans, W. M.; James B. M. Meads, S. W.; H. G. Morland, J. W.; James Shiedle, Treas.; Isaac Whitter, Sec.

Lodge No. 220. 63 Members, 12 Initiations. Bro. David Courter, W. M.; Samuel W. Dobyne, S. W.; George W. Fisher, J. W.; William M. Farland, Treas.; R. L. Martin, Sec.

Lodge No. 222. 61 Members, 7 Initiations. Bro. C. S. Forster, W. M.; J. J. Hazel, S. W.; William Miers, J. W.; William N. Robbins, Treas.; Wm. Lindenmuth, Sec.

Lodge No. 227. 124 Members, 17 Initiations. Bro. A. Jordan Swartz, W. M.; Henry D. Lowe, S. W.; James Milholland, J. W.; William McFarland, Treas.; Wm. A. Wills, Sec.

Lodge No. 230. 65 Members, 16 Initiations. Bro. Robert S. Davis, W. M.; David J. Meyers, S. W.; Edw. C. Graeff, J. W.; M. S. Balkley, Treas.; Samuel A. McCauly, Sec.

Lodge No. 236. 80 Members, 21 Initiations. Bro. Joseph R. Morris, W. M.; P. Baker, S. W.; Thaddeus T. K. Martin, J. W.; William McCay, Treas.; Edw. H. Engle, Sec.

Lodge No. 237. 42 Members, 18 Initiations. Bro. George Passmore, W. M.; Samuel Thompson, S. W.; Stephen Morton, J. W.; John W. Mitchell, Treas.; Alfred C. Freeman, Sec.

Lodge No. 238. 48 Members, 6 Initiations. Bro. H. B. Graeff, W. M.; H. P. Fowler, S. W.; Henry Hahn, J. W.; F. A. Whitaker, Treas.; D. C. Reineheart, Sec.

Lodge No. 241. 33 Members, 10 Initiations. Bro. Joseph Y. James,

W. M.; Timothy F. Parker, S. W.; Asa Scott, J. W.; John H. Hall, Treas.; Abraham H. Lacey, Sec.

Lodge, No. 243. 46 Members, 1 Initiation. Bro. Andrew Lewis, W. M.; Robert M. Allen, S. W.; C. Perkins, J. W.; Lewis Gardiner, Treas.; William J. Thompson, Sec.

Lodge No. 245. 45 Members, 5 Initiations. Bro. Abraham J. Riale, W. M.; Hiram Lakens, S. W.; Thomas S. Radcliffe, J. W.; Stephen Brock, Treas.; William Carr, Sec.

Lodge No. 252. 28 Members, 5 Initiations. Bro. George Whiting, W. M.; Johnston Dinsmore, S. W.; James H. Ford, J. W.; Wm. Troth, Treas.; Wm. R. Campbell, Sec.

Lodge No. 256. 40 Members, 15 Initiations. Bro. John F. Caslow, W. M.; John McCormick, S. W.; B. F. Bound, J. W.; Joseph Eckbret, Treas.; S. D. Straub, Sec.

Lodge No. 259. 17 Members, 5 Initiations. Bro. John Sarjent, W. M.; David Stanton, S. W.; R. L. McGowen, J. W.; William Kennedy, Treas.; W. G. McCreary, Sec.

Lodge No. 262. 18 Members, 2 Initiations. Bro. James B. Orr, W. M.; William Orr, S. W.; Joseph Johnston, J. W.; John Orr, Treas.; C. B. Ruby, Sec.

Lodge No. 264. 60 Members, 12 Initiations. Bro. Nathaniel Stacy, W. M.; Seth L. Raymond, S. W.; M. B. B. Stacy, J. W.; John Judson, Treas., L. W. Mason, Sec.

Lodge No. 265. 45 Members, 17 Initiations. Bro. C. F. Knapp, W. M.; Samuel Shive, S. W.; David Lowenburg, J. W.; Jacob Mellick, Treas., Erastus Barton, Sec.

Lodge No. 266. 31 Members, 8 Initiations. Bro. D. B. Prince, W. M.; Peter Bintz, S. W.; William Smith, J. W.; William H. Jordan, Treas.; Jeremiah Carl, Sec.

Lodge No. 267. 32 Members, 6 Initiations. Bro. Thomson A. Godfrey, W. M.; Frederick Wertheimer, S. W.; John K. Fernsler, J. W.; John Hipple, Jr., Sec.

Lodge No. 268. 21 Members, 5 Initiations. Bro. Daniel C. Amerman, W. M.; A. W. Cheeseman, S. W.; Constance Curtin, J. W.; James D. Turner, Treas.; Joseph Green, Sec.

Lodge No. 269. 41 Members, 31 Initiations. Bro. John G. Smith, W. M.; Nathaniel Patterson, S. W.; O. H. Ormsby, J. W.; Daniel Berg, Treas.; James W. McGreary, Sec.

Lodge No. 274. 41 Members, 25 Initiations. Bro. Charles A. Rubicam, W. M.; William B. Goddard, S. W.; Joseph W. Cowan, J. W.; D. C. Enos, Treas.; George Rugan, Sec.

Lodge No. 275. 23 Members, 14 Initiated. Bro. Jesse Cunningham, W. M.; Jesse Chambers, S. W.; David Balding, J. W.; Daniel L. Chambers, Treas.; John A. Reed, Sec.

Lodge No. 281. 36 Members, 25 Initiations. Bro. J. Cooper McKee, W. M.; C. W. O'Donnell, S. W.; William R. Nicols, J. W.; Herman J. Lambert, Treas.; M. H. Jolly, Sec.

Lodge No. 282. 18 Members, 12 Initiations. Bro. Alexander M. Lloyd, W. M.; Joseph H. Hollingshead, S. W.; Alexander F. McKinney, J. W.; Aristides Rodrique, Treas.; Edwd. H. Gardiner, Sec.

Lodge No. 283. 36 Members, 23 Initiations. Bro. Samuel C. Witherill, W. M.; Nathan Bartolill, S. W.; H. R. Nash, J. W.; William F. Miller, Treas.; Lewis F. Bickley, Sec.

Lodge No. 284. 31 Members, 18 Initiations. Bro. Levi Graft, W. M.; F. B. Martin, S. W.; William Getz, J. W.; Robert McIntyre, Treas.; Aug. H. Gilbert, Sec.

Lodge 286. 23 Members, 13 Initiations. Bro. Daniel Herr, W. M.; Jacob M. Strickler, S. W.; James S. McMahn, J. W.; Thomas Lloyd, Treas.; Joseph Buchanan, Sec.

Lodge No. 287. 47 Members, 29 Initiations. Bro. James Herdman, W. M.; A. H. English, S. W.; McCandless, J. W.; D. C. Kamerer, Treas.; G. C. Schiedle, Sec.

Lodge No. 289. 25 Members, 10 Initiations. Bro. William Sterling, W. M.; Joseph P. Loughead, S. W.; Gabriel Phillips, J. W.; John Berks, Treas.; James Gwynn, Sec.

Lodge No. 292. 11 Members. Bro. James Eccles, W. M.; George W. Brooks, S. W.; Silas Jones, J. W.; William L. Myers, Treas.; Charles Murphy, Sec.

Lodge No. 260. 56 Members, 18 Initiations. Bro. H. M. Johnston, W. M.; Bro. O. H. Jeffrey, S. W.; W. K. Campbell, J. W.; John D. Gorgas, Treas.; James M. Allen, Sec.

Lodge No. 91. 60 Members, 14 Initiations. Bro. Samuel C. Perkins, W. M.; Philip S. Brown, S. W.; Richard B. Connelly, J. W.; Samuel H. Perkins, Treas.; Garrick Mallory, Jr., Sec.

Lodge No. 125. 59 Members, 15 Initiations. Bro. Israel Kohn, W. M.; M. Richard Mucklé, S. W.; Frederick Kinzle, J. W.; Adam Maag, Treas.; Godfrey Greul, Sec.

Lodge No. 156. 43 Members, 10 Initiations. Bro. B. F. Sides, W. M.; Samuel Pennill, S. W.; J. F. Swift, J. W.; J. W. Housekeeper, Treas.; James Cain, Sec.

Lodge No. 242. 64 Members, 8 Initiations. Bro. Hiram Wolfe, W. M.; William O. Struthers, S. W.; Wm. R. Ottis, J. Warden; A. W. Butler, Treas.; Jas. J. Blakeslee, Sec.

Lodge No. 254. 45 Members and 9 Initiations. Bro. John B. Powell, W. M.; William A. Vanbuskirk, S. W.; Joseph Mentzer, J. W.; Joseph E. Yeager, Treas.; Aaron S. Custer, Sec.

Lodge, No. 270. 20 Members, and 5 Initiations. Bro. Daniel H. Baker, W. M.; John S. Johnson, S. W.; F. C. Zulick, J. W.; Henry Hesser, Treas.; S. R. Dickson, Sec.

Lodge No. 285. 18 Members, 9 Initiations. Bro. William Milnes, Jr., W. M.; Charles Lawton, S. W.; George Stahel, J. W.; William Littlhales, Treas.; James Brown, Sec.

Lodge No. 62. 162 Members, 27 Initiations. Bro. George E. Clymer, W. M.; Bro. Marks J. Biddle, S. W.; Frank M. Huster, J. W.; John H. Keim, Treas.; Seymour H. Garrigues, Sec.

Bro. George Griscom submitted the following which elicited considerable discussion and caused several modes to be pointed out.

That the Grand Secretary keep a book in his office with the names of all suspended and rejected members arranged alphabetically.

On motion duly made and seconded, Bros. Frederick Kopp, Thomas Simpson, Robert W. Wheller, of No. 19; D. B. Hinnman No. 56 of Bristol, Connecticut; James A. and John Bower of No. 114 were admitted as visitors.

No further business presenting itself the Grand Lodge closed in peace at 10 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, March 5th, 1855, A. L. 5855.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Quarterly Grand Communication, held in the Hall South 3d St.

Present: Bro. JAMES HUTCHINSON, R. W. G. M. Bro. Peter Williamson, R. W. D. G. M. Bro. John K. Mitchell, R. W. S. G. W. Bro. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. J. G. W. Bro. Thomas E. Baxter, R. W. G. Treas. Bro. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec. Bro. Robert Clark, Dep. G. Sec. Bro. Gustavus Remak, S. G. Deacon. Bro. Richard Vaux, J. G. Deacon. Bro. Jacob Laudenslager, G. Marshal. Bro. John L. Goddard, G. Sword Bearer. Bro. Charles Bard Reese and Bro. R. Sterling Wilson, Grand Stewards. Bro. Horace L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant. Bro. William Whitney, James Page, Anthony Bournonville, Peter Fritz, and Samuel H. Perkins, P. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Graham, Tallman. No. 3, English, Padmore, Thomson, Sitz, Leddy, Ashton, Bilger. No. 9, Henderson, Kelly, Leach, Brothers, Booth, Thorp. No. 19, Haswell, Thornley, Wilson, Bradley, Karrick, Adair. No. 25, Scott, Benezett. No. 51, Howell, Workman, Evans, Thomson, Whitney. No. 52, Wilson, Ramsay, Engard, Pearson, Wilson, Jr. No. 59, Adams, Davenport, Macpherson. No. 67, Baugh, Hutchinson, Smith, Squibb, Martin, Hutchinson, Weeks, Van Osten, Wagner, Peirsol, Reese, Loudenslager, Griffith. No. 71, Frishmuth, Kauffman, Golden, Jones. No. 72, Kelly, Phillips, Ashton, Thompson. No. 81, Fulton, Snyder, Wentz. No. 91, Connelly, Brown, Swain, S. C. and S. H. Perkins. No. 114, Krider, Sharp, Heuddle, Clark, Thomson, Baxter, Hamm. No. 115, Shultz, Black, Hamburger, Packer. No. 121, Cartwright, Le Brun, Vaux, Mitchell, See. No. 125, Remak, Bournonville, Kringle, Osner, Kohn. No. 126, Page, Dalby, Nesbit. No. 130, Brown, Riley, Lescure, Easby, Strickland. No. 131, Miller, Smith, Moore, Matlack. No. 134, Goddard, King, Williamson, Jackson, Roney. No. 155, Fritz, Martin, Waters, Gowd, Miller. No. 158, Shields, Witherby, Kugler. No. 186, Scattergood, Little, Gaskil. No. 187, Parsons. No. 197, Porter. No. 211, Lee, Peall, Page, Wright. No. 227, Swartz, Lowe. No. 228, Bugh. No. 245, Mann, Carr. No. 246, Ramsey. No. 271, Reinstine. No. 274, Goddard, Kohn. No. 289, Phillips, Loughead. No. 295, Harper, Gilpin.

Proxies, Twenty-three Lodges, thirty-four represented by members making in all fifty-eight Lodges.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at 6½ o'clock, P. M.

General Returns were read from the following Lodges and on motion were directed to be entered and filed, to wit:

From Lodge No. 2. 158 Members, 25 Initiations. Bro. Nathan B. Moseley, W. M.; James Thomas, S. W.; Joseph Tallman, J. W.; William Robinson, Treas.; F. Blackburne, Sec.

From Lodge No. 9. 120 Members, 29 Initiations. Bros. L. H. Atkinson, W. M.; Edward Henderson, S. W.; James Booth, J. W.; Henry Ward, Treas.; James Kelly, Sec.

From Lodge No. 21, Harrisburg. 89 Members, 14, Initiations, Bro. John Wallower, Jr., W. M.; William T. Bishop, S. W.; E. A. Hassler, J. W.; C. F. Muench, Treas.; S. D. Ingram, Sec.

From Lodge No. 52. 163 Members, 45 Initiations. Bros. Abraham Meyers, W. M.; Issac Wood, S. W.; Charles Ramsey, J. W.; Henry Simons, Treas.; Edward S. Campbell, Sec.

From Lodge No. 60, Brownsville, 50 Members, 10 Initiations. Bro. John Gregg, W. M.; John H. Gummett, S. W.; Abraham Gaskill, J. W.; David Anderson, Treas.; Isaac Jackson, Sec.

From Lodge No. 61, Wilkesbarre. 46 Members, 23 Initiations. Bro. F. L. Bowman, W. M.; G. B. Nicholson, S. W.; Thomas Cassiday, J. W.; Nathan Pearson, Treas.; E. B. Harvey, Sec.

From Lodge No. 81, Germantown. 99 Members, 28 Initiations. Bro. James Fulton, W. M., Charles R. Wentz, S. W.; Jacob Roop, Jr., J. W.; Thomas F. Betton, Treas.; Daniel Snyder, Sec.

From Lodge No. 108, Towanda. 12 Members, 11 Initiations. Bro. George E. Fox, W. M.; H. J. Madill, S. W.; William Lewis, J. W.; George C. Gore, Treas.; E. H. Mason, Sec.

From Lodge No. 121. 111 Members, 20 Initiations. Bro. Richard H. Lee, W. M.; Frederick Lennig, S. W.; Napoleon Le Brun, J. W.; Richard Vaux, Treas.; Albert R. Foering, Sec.

From Lodge No. 131. 70 Members, 25 Initiations. Bro. Joshua L. Price, W. M.; William H. Miller, S. W.; Jonathan C. Smith, J. W.; Robert B. Arey, Treas.; James B. Alvord, Sec.

From Lodge No. 134. 106 Members, 10 Initiations. Bro. Paul B. Goddard, W. M.; Edward Robbins, S. W.; Charles M. Jackson, J. W.; John S. Hart, Treas.; Anthony E. Stocker, Sec.

From Lodge No. 135, Manayunk. 61 Members, 15 Initiations. Bro. Jacob Heyneman, W. M.; C. L. DeGroot, S. W.; Thomas E. Rose, J. W.; Thomas Mullin, Treas.; Thomas McCally, Sec.

From Lodge No. 155. 269 Members, 85 Initiations, Bro. Milo M. Miller, W. M.; Heliger Ruan, S. W.; James A. Gowie, J. W.; John Martin, Treas.; Aaron Waters, Sec.

From Lodge No. 158. 200 Members, 89 Initiations. Bro. William A. Reed, W. M.; Nathan McKinley, S. W.; L. Weatherby, J. W.; James Shields, Treas.; George H. Oliver, Sec.

From Lodge No. 164, Washington. 35 Members, and 11 Initiations.

Bro. William Wolff, W. M;. Joseph Weirick, S. W.; William Terry, J. W.; James Smith, Treas.; H. H. Frisbie, Sec.

From Lodge No. 190, Norristown. 62 Members, 13 Initiations. Bro. Samuel Brown, Jr., W. M.; William Zimmerman, S. W.; Henry M. Miller, J. W.; Joseph Beerer, Treas.; Wm. H. Gartley, Sec.

From Lodge No. 203, Lewistown. 45 Members, 8 Initiations. Bro. William Ritchey, W. M.; Bro. John Davis, S. W.; C. Hoover, J. W.; John Kennedy, Treas.; George W. Stewart, Sec.

From Lodge No. 218, Honesdale. 56 Members, 11 Initiations. Bro. William L. Stewart, W. M.; Jacob Smethers, S. W.; Thomas Nicols, J. W.; Jacob L. Keen, Tr.; James R. Keen, Sec.

From Lodge No. 221, Pittsburg. 71 Members, 10 Initiations. Bros. William J. Anderson, W. M.; Bro. A. S. Bell, S. W.; John H. Bailey, J. W.; Charles H. Paulson, Treas.; William A. Barrill, Sec.

From Lodge No. 226, Lebanon. 75 Members, 7 Initiations. Bro. Wm. W. Murray, W. M.; Bro. James W. Eber, S. W.; Henry Derr, J. W.; John W. Nish, Treas.; Anthony S. Ely, Sec.

From Lodge No. 231, Pittsburg. 34 Members, 5 Initiations. Bro. Jno. M. Scott, W. M.; Bro. Fred. G. Scheneck, S. W.; Charles Loeffler, J. W.; Wm. Schuchman, Treas.; Christopher Olnhausen, Sec.

From Lodge No. 233, Pittston. 29 Members, 15 Initiations. Bro. L. B. Ensign, W. M.; John Howarth, S. W.; H. R. Ebert, J. W.; William S. Reddin, Treas.; S. F. Bossard, Sec.

From Lodge No. 235, Erie. 80 Members, 11 Initiations. Bro. H. Pelton, W. M.; James Hoskinson, S. W.; J. J. Lints, J. W.; H. P. Stockton, Treas.; W. H. Sherman, Sec.

From Lodge No. 240, Montrose. 50 Members, 13 Initiations. Bro. Barton Richardson, W. M.; E. S. Park, S. W.; O. S. Beebe, J. W.; William H. Boyd, Treas.; M. C. Brewster, Sec.

From Lodge No. 244, Kittanning. 43 Members, 0 Initiations. Bro. Edw. S. Golden, W. M.; James Stewart, S. W.; William Caldwell, J. W.; Charles Compsley, Treas.; John W. Rohrer, Sec.

From Lodge No. 248, Tunkhannock. 51 Members, 6 Initiations. Bro. P. M. Osterhout, W. M.; George S. Tutton, S. W.; John H. Bozart, J. W.; Henry Stark, Tr.; Philip B. Smith, Sec.

From Lodge No. 250, Sharon. 25 Members, 6 Initiations. Bro. James A. Maxwell, W. M.; Samuel Cameron, S. W.; James Miller, J. W.; Thomas J. Porter, Treas.; John Mallon, Sec.

From Lodge No. 255, Shamokin. 23 Members, 3 Initiations. Bro. Jonas L. Gilger, W. M.; Peter Boughner, S. W.; Jno. H. Dewees, J. W.; William Fageley, Treas.; D. N. Lake, Sec.

From Lodge No. 261, Providence. 41 Members, 20 Initiations. Bro. Silas B. Robinson, W. M.; E. S. M. Hill, S. W.; W. W. Smith, J. W.; S. Bristol, Treas.; Peter Bloom, Sec.

From Lodge No. 263, Laceyville. 35 Members, 6 Initiations. Bro. B. E. Wakeman, W. M.; W. Barrowcliff, S. W.; Mark Keeney, J. W.; G. G. Lacy, Treas.; Samuel Neal, Sec.

From Lodge No. 272, Butler. 24 Members, 5 Initiations. Bro. James T. McJunkin, W. M.; Hugh McKee, S. W.; William McNail, J. W.; William Cresswill, T.; Joseph P. Patton, Sec.

From Lodge No. 273, Morgan's Corner. 17 Members, 6 Initiations. Bro. Edwd. J. Lauman, W. M.; Geo. Palmer, S. W.; J. L. Worrell, J. W.; Richard Martin, Treas.; J. H. Levering, Sec.

From Lodge No. 279, Carmichaelstown. 23 Members, 14 Initiations. Bros. I. L. Craft, W. M.; Thomas Lucas, Jr., S. W.; Isaac Burson, J. W.; Hiram A. Smith, Treas.; A. L. Long, Sec.

From Lodge No. 288, Allegheny. 17 Members, 5 Initiations. Bro. Henry Anschutz, W. M.; Angus A. Hartze, S. W.; William Bader, J. W.; Christian Dellenbach, Treas.; E. Oetting, Sec.

From Lodge No. 290, West Greenville. 11 Members, 4 Initiations. Bro. B. F. Baskin, W. M.; David Garber, S. W.; Henry Ostin, J. W.; R. E. Breiner, Treas.; Henry Austin, Sec.

From Lodge No. 197, Carlisle. 66 Members, 6 Initiations. Bro. W. W. Dale, W. M.; Bro. George Weise, S. W.; Isaac Livingston, J. W.; Peter Monyer, T.; Samuel Elliot, Sec.

From Lodge No. 216, Pottsville. 88 Members, 14 Initiations. Bro. John S. Hughes, W. M.; C. Little, S. W.; H. A. Aichternacht, J. W.; J. S. Elliot, Treas.; John S. C. Martin, Sec.

From Lodge No. 246. 95 Members, 33 Initiations. Bro. William F. Small, W. M.; Henry K. Ramsey, S. W.; Robert F. Gordon, J. W.; Joseph S. Langer, Treas.; Albert D. Boileau, Sec.

From Lodge No. 276, Brookville. 31 Members, 14 Initiations. Bro. David Maclay, W. M.; Bro. Evans R. Brady, S. W.; Y. H. Vanvalzah, J. W.; Isaac G. Gordon, Treas.; William McCandless, Sec.

From Lodge No. 70, Athens, for the Years 1853 and 1854. 39 Members, 15 Initiations for 1854. Bro. F. S. Hoyt, W. M.; S. Hayden, S. W.; Ralph Tozer, J. W.; William H. Shapley, Treas.; J. M. Bell, Sec.

The Minutes of December 4th, 1854, were read and approved.

The Minutes of the Annual Grand Communication held Dec. 27th, 1854, were read and approved.

The Minutes of the Extra Grand Communication held Jan. 15th, 1855, were read and approved.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 286 appointing Bro. Richard Vaux, Proxy of said Lodge in the Grand Lodge. On motion duly made and seconded, the communication was ordered to be filed and Bro. Vaux acknowledged as the Proxy of Lodge No. 286.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 287 nominating Bro. Samuel B. Ashmead their representative. On motion Bro. Samuel B. Ashmead was acknowledged as the Proxy of Lodge No. 287 and the communication was ordered to be filed.

Copies of By-laws and the amendments to By-laws from the following Lodges were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws, to wit: from Lodges No. 2, 45, 186, 227, 272, 295.

An application for a new Lodge in Philadelphia was read, nom-

inating Bro. William C. Rice as the first Worshipful Master; Bro. George W. Zimmerman, first Senior Warden; John Charles Lacock, first Junior Warden, which was on motion referred to a special Committee of Three.

Another application for a new Lodge to be held in the City of Philadelphia was read nominating Bro. John G. Michner, to be the first W. M., Bro. Horace C. Peck, to be the first S. W., and Bro. Robert S. Reed, to be the first J. W., which was also referred to a special Committee. The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bros. Samuel Badger, Edward P. Lescure and George Smith said Committee on both applications.

A communication (special) from Lodge No. 43, at Lancaster, was read. On motion the communication was ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication from Lodge No. 62, at Reading, was read. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication from Lafayette Lodge, No. 71, was read. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication from Lodge No. 289 was read. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication from Lodge No. 125 was read. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication from Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 155, was read and ordered to be entered and filed.

The following communication was read and on motion duly made and seconded, was referred to a special Committee of three, to wit:

BALTIMORE, Feb. 1st, 1855.

To James Hutchinson, Esq., R. W. Grand Master Grand Lodge of Penna.

BROTHER, Upon a recent visit to Keystone H. R. A. C., No. 175, of which I am at present a member, after an absence of several months from Philada., I was informed that I was not in good standing in my Lodge. Upon application to the Grand Secretary I learned for the first time and to my astonishment, that at the Dec. meeting of Lodge No. 3, I had been "Expelled for unmasonic conduct." I further learned from an intelligent and worthy Past Master of Lodge No. 3 that upon the occasion of this action no specific charge had been preferred against me, but "that rumors prejudicial to my character had been circulated in the Lodge." I had no notice of the intended action of the Lodge, altho' notices of its meetings have constantly reached me through the Post Office. As no charges have been preferred against me, as I believe that none can truthfully so be preferred, I ask that the Grand Lodge may take such action as will secure me my rights in a body to which I have been and am ardently and sincerely attached.

With great respect, I am, Yours fraternally,

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers Gustavus Remak, Matthew Cartwright and James Shields said Committee.

The following report was read and on motion after considerable discussion was referred to the Committee on Landmarks, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The undersigned Committee appointed in January last to investigate the case of Brother —— ——, who in a memorial to the Grand Lodge complained of unjust treatment towards him on the part of Solomon's Lodge, No. 114. Beg leave to report that in attending to the duty assigned them the following facts have been proven, to wit:

Bro. —— —— formerly a member of Solomon's Lodge, No. 114, who had been suspended for non-payment of dues petitioned the Lodge at the Stated Meeting in October, 1853, praying to be reinstated when a Committee of Three was appointed to make the necessary inquiries. It appears from the evidences that the Committee did not attend properly to their duty, nor did they report until the Stated Meeting in March, 1854. The report recommending the reinstatement of Bro. ——, signed by two only of the Committee, was presented to the Lodge, altho' a member of the Committee had urged objections to the readmission of Bro. —— to the Chairman of said Committee. It also appears that notwithstanding this irregular mode of proceeding the Lodge took a vote by *Viva Voce* upon the question of his readmission, which was declared by the Chair to have carried, although there were several voices in the negative. The Minutes of this meeting also shew that Bro. —— had paid the amount due to the Lodge. It also appears by the Minute Book that at the succeeding Stated Meeeting the vote on Bro. —— ——'s readmission was reconsidered and on a motion being made to readmit him, it was lost and an order was drawn in his favour for the amount he had paid to the Lodge which was handed to him by a member. The members of the Grand Lodge will see by the foregoing that the course of proceeding in this case has been irregular, excepting however the appointment of the Committee of Three to make the necessary inquiries. That Committee it is to be regretted did not, we repeat, attend properly to their duty, for had they done so we believe from a portion of the evidence which has been elicited and which your Committee have not deemed necessary to recapitulate here the Grand Lodge would never have been troubled with the case. After due consideration of all its facts and merits your committee have arrived to the conclusion that the action of Solomon's Lodge, No. 114, at their Stated Meeting in March, 1854, in receiving a report in the case of Bro. —— signed by a portion only of the Committee, was wrong especially as a member of the Committee had reasons for opposing his readmission and would not have signed the report had he been requested so to do which was not the case. That the action of the

Lodge was irregular and erroneous in taking the vote by *Viva Voce*, as well as the decision of the Worshipful Master that the vote had prevailed, when there were several dissenting voices. The Ahiman Rezon Page 162 says, "A Member of a Lodge ceases to be such by expulsion, suspension or resignation." And on Page 161 we find in reference to candidates for Initiation and Membership the following: See folio 161 "A Committee etc." 9th line to 14th. Your Committee are aware that it has not of late years been the uniform practice in all the Lodges to be governed by the rule to which we have just referred, and it may perhaps be supposed by some of the Brethren that this rule is not intended to apply to suspended Masons who apply for readmission to membership, but your Committee after due examination and reflection are firmly of the opinion that the rule referred to applies as well to suspended Brethren, as to candidates for Initiation or Membership. And any other conclusion would seem absurd when we consider that a Brother who resigns from his Lodge in good standing, as he necessarily must with the intention of removing to another state and who from some cause changes his previous determination and desiring to connect himself again with the Lodge is obliged to do so by petition and undergoes the same ordeal as a candidate for Initiation and Membership and must be balloted for and the ballot be unanimous to readmit him. But to remove any doubt which may have existed as to the true intent and meaning of that part of the Ahiman Rezon to which we have referred, we find our opinion sustained by the action of the Com. on By-laws of the Grand Lodge, whose duty we find set forth on Page 149 of the Ahiman Rezon as follows: "To the Com., &c.," down to "approbation."

In the performance of the duty devolving upon them the Committee on By-laws of the Grand Lodge approved of the By-laws of Lodge No. 186, which approval was endorsed by the Grand Lodge Sept. 6th, 1852 and in which we find the following "Every Member neglecting or refusing to pay his dues, &c., &c., (See said By-laws)."

It is therefore manifestly clear in the opinion of your Committee that the course of proceeding on the part of Solomon's Lodge, No. 114, in the case of Bro. —— was irregular and inconsistent with the principles of the Ahiman Rezon, which requires unanimity in the admission of members and your Committee in conclusion beg leave to submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, that Bro. —— —— upon the payment of the amount due to Solomon's Lodge, No. 114, may make application to said Lodge or to any other for membership subject however to the provisions of the following resolution:

Resolved, that any Brother who has been suspended for non-payment of dues and is desirous of again connecting himself with the Lodge to which he formerly belonged, must apply by petition and be recommended by two Master Masons members of the Lodge, which petition shall be referred to a Com. of Three M. M. neither

of whom are recommenders and at a subsequent Stated Meeting, having reported unanimously in favor of the petitioner, a ballot shall be had and if receiving a unanimous vote he shall be declared elected.

Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to furnish a copy of the preceding resolution to each Lodge under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. Respectfully Submitted.

E. P. LESCURE, HORACE PETERSON, SAMUEL C. PERKINS,
Committee.

PHILADA., March 5th, 1855.

The following report was read and like the foregoing, after considerable discussion, was referred to the Committee on Landmarks.

PHILADA., March 5th, 1855, A. L. 5855.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pa.

The Committee to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. —— —— from the action of Lodge No. 51 suspending him from membership for the non-payment of dues respectfully report, your Committee having first notified Bro. —— as well as the W. M. and Secretary of Lodge No. 51 met on the 28th ult., the parties being all present and proceeded to the discharge of the duty assigned them.

The facts of the case as adduced by the testimony and the records of the Lodge are as follows, to wit: Lodge No. 51 at its *October Meeting* instructed the Secretary to notify all Members in arrears that unless such arrears were paid on or before the November Meeting, the delinquents would be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the 6th Article of the By-laws which article reads that any member being more than one year in arrears may be expelled, suspended or have his name erased from the list of members. Bro. —— in common with others, who were in arrears, was so notified at the November Meeting, two members who had failed to respond to said notice were suspended, but Bro. —— who attended that meeting and paid ten dollars on ⅌ leaving a balance of $17 due, was further indulged, but was notified under a resolution passed at said meeting that unless he reduced his arrearages to an amount less than one years dues *before* St. John's Day, Dec. 27th, he would stand suspended. He failed to comply with the terms of this resolution, but appeared at the Meeting of the Lodge *Dec. 28th* prepared to pay the amount of his arrears. Prior however to his name being announced the Secretary had read the Minutes of the previous meeting and informed the Lodge of the failure of Bro. —— to comply with the resolution referred to and his consequent suspension from membership, he was therefore refused admittance. These are all the material facts elicited in the course of the investigation bearing upon the case. Bro. —— it is true called for the reading of the Minutes of the Lodge for the

Meeting held March 23, 1854, by which it appeared that the Lodge had commuted a portion of the dues owed by a suspended member and had reinstated him in membership on the payment of ten dollars without any formal petition, this case Bro. —— cited as a precedent and desired it to be ruled as applicable to his own. Your Committee will refer to this point in its proper place. Upon a careful review of all the testimony and facts submitted to them your Committee are clearly of the opinion that Lodge No. 51, in all that related to its actions in the case of Bro. —— ——, has acted in strict conformity to its By-laws and its usage in similar cases the deviation of any being an inclination to leniency in favor of that Brother.

Now regarding the case above alluded to, where a suspended member was restored to membership without any formal petition and which was relied upon by Bro. —— as a precedent ruling in his favor, your Committee are decided in the opinion that instead of its being admitted as a precedent, it should be regarded as irregular and directly contrary to the letter and spirit of the Ahiman Rezon on resignations, suspensions or expulsions. Membership in the Order ceases and can only be regained by a regular petition, a reference to a Committee and the unanimous approval of the Lodge as in the case of a first application. Your committee would not be understood as seizing upon this single case of Lodge No. 51 as one requiring special animadversion. Many of our Lodges, perhaps all, have been pursuing this irregular course of action, until it has reached so high a point as to be regarded as proper and lawful and hence it is that your Committee have felt it to be their duty, tho' not strictly embraced in the matter referred to them, to bring the subject to the notice of the Grand Lodge and respectfully suggest that the R. W. Grand Master issue a circular to all the Lodges within the Jurisdiction, calling their attention to this most fundamental and salutary Law of our Order and commanding their strict obedience thereto.

In conclusion your Committee submit the accompanying resolutions, by the adoption of which the neglect of Bro. —— will not work his entire exclusion from the benefits of the Order and will at the same time serve to admonish members to be punctual in their payment of dues and attentive to the terms of the notice served upon them.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM ENGLISH, JOSEPH S. RILEY, JOHN L. GODDARD,
Committee.

PHIL., Mar. 5, 1855.

Resolved, that —— —— upon the payment of the arrears, now due by him to Lodge No. 51, shall be entitled and he is hereby authorized to petition for membership in any Lodge under this Jurisdiction and it shall be competent for any such Lodge to entertain such

petition and admit him to membership therein in the regular form, first having ascertained that said arrearages have been paid or remitted.

Resolved, that the Committee be discharged.

The following report was read and the resolution attached thereto was adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The undersigned Committee appointed to investigate the case of —— ——. formerly a member of Phœnix Lodge, No. 130, He having been expelled for non-payment of dues by said Lodge, June 18, 1851, the Committee having examined the Minute Book of the Lodge find that Bro. —— —— had been notified in accordance with the 7th Article of the By-laws of said Lodge as follows: "That if he did not settle the dues by the following Stated Meeting that he would be suspended." The amount of his indebtedness we also find is $33 and at the Stated Meeting June 18th, 1851 having failed to comply with the requirements of the Lodge he was expelled for the non-payment of his dues. Bro. William B. Schnider, Tyler, stated that he served Bro. —— with a notice from the Lodge, also a notice setting forth the expulsion. The Committee after a careful examination are satisfied that the Lodge acted in accordance with the customs of the Order. We therefore offer the following resolution for the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, that —— —— upon the payment of $33 to Phœnix Lodge No. 130, (the amount for which he was expelled) be restored to good standing as a Mason and that he be permitted to apply by petition to that or any other Lodge for Membership.

Respectfully submitted.

WASHINGTON HEIMBERGER, MATHEW CARTWRIGHT, AARON WATERS,
Committee.

FEB. 22nd, 1855.

The following report was read and the resolution attached thereto was adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand L. of Penna.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication received from Lodge No. 186 respectfully report, that they met pursuant to a call by the Chairman and were attended on the first occasion by Bros. Bagley, Hufty and Farrell, a Committee in behalf of Lodge No. 186, no other persons being present it was agreed to adjourn and give notice to Lodge No. 2 of the adjourned meeting which notice was duly given.

At the subsequent and last meeting the same Committee attended on behalf of Lodge No. 186 and the communication hereunto annexed marked A was received from Lodge No. 2.

In view of all the circumstances so far as they were brought

to the knowledge of your Committee, they submit for the adoption of the Grand Lodge the resolution hereunto appended.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES PAGE, EDWARD STRICKLAND, WILLIAM W. THOMSON,
Committee.

Resolved, that the prohibition imposed by the Grand Lodge on Eastern Star Lodge, No. 186, as to further advancing Bro. —— —— be and the same is hereby removed and permission is now given to said Lodge to confer the other degrees on Bro. —— according to ancient Masonic usage and custom.

Paper alluded and Marked A.

PHILADA., Feb. 20, 1855.

JAMES PAGE, SIR AND BRO., Your communication from the Committee in the case of Bro. —— was duly read by Bro. Mosely, W. M. of Lodge No. 2, and laid before the Lodge at the stated meeting held last and I am directed by resolution to acknowledge the same and to say further that Lodge No. 2 has nothing to communicate more than is already before the Committee by official documents from the Grand Lodge and any action that the Committee or the Grand Lodge may think proper to take in the case will be cheerfully acquiesced in by this Lodge. I am yours fraternally,

F. BLACKBURNE, *Sec. Lodge No. 2.*

On motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted: That a Committee of Seven be appointed with power to select and extract such portions as they may deem in full force and effect at this time in this Grand Lodge and class and arrange them under proper heads and style them Rules, &c., from our Ahiman Rezon.

The foregoing was offered by Bro. Joseph S. Riley as an amendment to the following which was offered by Bro. Wm. H. Adams (and accepted by him) as follows:

Resolved, that the Ahiman Rezon be referred to a special Committee of for revision.

Bro. Joseph S. Riley offered the following but finally withdrew it. *Resolved*, that the Grand Secretary furnish the above Committee with a copy of every resolution, order or rule now in force, that is only in manuscript, was adopted.

The following preamble and resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS the Grand Lodge Charity Fund consists at this time of 123 shares New Masonic Loan $6,150 and a mortgage payable within the present year of $3,200, making a productive six per cent. capital of $9,350 yielding an annual revenue of $561; the growing importance of said Fund requires the enactment of well digested and permanent rules for its government and distribution AND WHEREAS, by an annual contribution for a few years by the several Lodges within this city and vicinity, *pro rata* or *per capita* to said Grand Lodge Charity Fund, it would be so augmented as to afford from

its income temporary relief to all widows who are now in the habit of applying periodically to the several Lodges and thus enable each Lodge to apply its resources in a more efficient manner and in larger sums to the more deserving widows and orphans of its own deceased members, which by the present diffuse and irresponsible system of dispensing charity they are unable to do. Therefore

Resolved, that a Committee of Five, to act in conjunction with the Trustees be appointed to prepare and report to this Grand Lodge at its Quarterly Communication in June next, a permanent code of rules for the government of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund and also the most practicable means of so increasing said Fund, as to relieve the several Lodges in this city and vicinity from the number of applicants for temporary relief which now press upon them.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint on the foregoing Committee Bros. Joseph S. Riley, John C. Smith, George Smith, Washington Heimberger and S. S. Bishop in conjunction with Trustees.

He was also pleased to appoint on the revision of the Ahiman Rezon the following named Brethren, Bros. William Whitney, James Page, Peter Williamson, J. Thompson, William English, Richard Vaux, James M. Porter, said Committee.

The following from the Committee on Landmarks was read and the resolution attached thereto was adopted, to wit:

To the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

The Committee on Landmarks have had their attention called to one or more cases where a person after having been rejected by one Lodge has presented his petition and been initiated in another, that was ignorant of his former rejection. Such a proceeding is wholly unmasonic and irregular and on former occasions has been visited by the Grand Lodge with severe censure; to guard against the occurrence of any such proceedings and enable any Lodge at once to proceed against a Brother, who shall impose himself upon them under such circumstances, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, that the declaration accompanying the petition for Initiation be amended by inserting the following:

"And that I have not been rejected by any regular constituted Lodge."

Respectfully submitted, SAMUEL H. PERKINS, *Chairman.*

The preamble and resolutions offered by Bro. Joseph S. Riley, at a previous meeting of the Grand Lodge, in relation to certain alterations to the Ahiman Rezon was called up by him and on motion were referred to the Committee appointed on the revision of the Ahiman Rezon.

Past Grand Master, Bro. James Page arose for the purpose of

bringing before the R. W. Grand Master and the Brethren the propriety of adopting such measures as should appear proper to dedicating the New Hall and was about offering a resolution when The R. W. Grand M. said that in consequence of the lateness of the hour, that he would not entertain the subject at present but would call a meeting of the Grand Lodge at an early day, specially for the consideration of that subject. Resolution was withdrawn.

On motion duly made and seconded, a number of Brethren were admitted as visitors.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bro. Jacob Laudenslager, Grand Marshal, in place of Bro. Hesser who resigned.

District Deputy Grand Masters.—Bro. Robert E. Brown, for Kittanning, Butler, Armstrong, Jefferson, Clarion and Lawrence. Bro. R. C. Simpson, for Bradford, Wyoming, Susquehanna and Tioga. Bro. Ammi Bond, for Crawford, Erie, Mercer and Warren. Bro. Thomas Dungan, for Washington. Greene and Fayette.

No further business presenting itself the Grand Lodge closed in peace at 20 minutes to 11 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, May 7, 1855, A. L. 5855.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Special Grand Communication, held in the Masonic Hall, South Third Street.

Present: Bro. JAMES HUTCHINSON, R. W. Grand M. Bro. Peter Williamson, R. W. D. Grand M. Bro. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. S. G. W., P. T. Bro. Gustavus Remak, R. W. J. G. W., P. T. Bro. Richard Vaux, S. G. Deacon. Bro. John L. Goddard, J. G. Deacon. Bro. Thomas E. Baxter, R. W. G. Treas. Bro. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec. Bro. William H. Nicols, Dep. G. Sec. Bro. William English, G. Marshal. Bro. George P. Little, G. Sword Bearer. Bro. Charles Bard Rees, G. Steward. Bro. John G. Sharp, G. Steward. Bro. Horace L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant. Brothers William Barger, James Page, William Whitney, Anthony Bournonville, R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Blackburne, Tallman, Graham, Mosely. No. 3, English, Martin, Ashton. No. 9, Kelly, Dorsey, Bradley. No. 19, Caskey, Thornley, Bradley, Nichols, Karrick, Masters, Thomas, Bradley, Wilson. No. 25, Benezett, Dungan. No. 45, Adair. No. 51, Howell, Thomson, Ashmead, Whitney. No. 52, Fitch, Ferguson. No. 59, Adams, Taylor, Macpherson. No. 67, Hutchinson, Reese, Peirsol, Squibb, Smith, Baugh. No. 71, Banbery, Hutchinson, Frismuth. No. 72, Barger, Ashton, Phillips, Thompson. No. 81, Fulton. No. 91, Connelly, S. C. Perkins. No. 114, Baxter, Sharp, Krider, Clark, Thomson, Hinkle. No. 115, McCloud, Wallace, Black, Fulmer. No. 121, Peterson, See, Vaux, Smith, Lennig, Leviestien. No. 125, Bournonville, Remak, Muckle. No. 126, Page, Dolby, Harper, Kohn. No. 130, Young, Lescure, Riley, Kirkpatrick, Brown. No. 131, Matlack. No. 134, Stocker, Booth, Goddard, Robbins, Williamson, King, Jackson,

Roney. No. 152, Yates. No. 155, Gowie, Waters, Allen. No. 186, Little, Gaskill, Scattergood, Smith, O'Farrell. No. 187, Parsons. No. 211, Page, Cartwright, Lee. No. 246, Hyneman, Ramsey. No. 274, Goddard, Cowen. No. 289, Phillips. No. 293, Eckels. No. 295, Yerkes, Gilpin.

Proxies: Bros. Wm. English, Wm. Whitney, R. S. Wilson, W. W. Thomson, Wm. H. Adams, Gus. Remak, Peter Williamson, Wm. Barger, Robert P. King, H. M. Phillips, Harman Baugh, James Page, John Thornley, Leon Hyneman, Jer. L. Hutchinson, John G. Sharp, James Hutchinson, George Smith, F. Blackburne, James Ferguson.

Fifty-two Lodges represented. Thirty-two by Brethren and twenty by proxy.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at ¼ past 7 o'clock, P. M.

By unanimous consent the revised By-laws of Lodge No. 221 and the amendments to the By-laws of Lodges No. 19 and 158 were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The R. W. Grand Master stated the object of the meeeting of the Grand Lodge to be to decide first whether at the Dedication of the New Hall the Grand and subordinate Lodges should have a procession, as he had understood that the Hall would be ready by the latter end of August next, or at furthest by the first of September.

Secondly, to appoint a Committee to act in conjunction with the Grand Officers, with full power to make all of the necessary arrangements.

Past Grand Master, Bro. James Page, on behalf of the Building Committee stated for the information of the R. W. G. Master and the Brethren of the Grand Lodge, that the Hall would be ready for constituting at the latest by the first day of Sept. next (1855) further that said Committee had held a meeting that afternoon and directed him to so report to the Grand Lodge.

He then offered the following resolution: *Resolved*, that there be a procession on day after the first of September next to dedicate the New Hall. The R. W. Grand Master to fix said day.

Resolved, that the resolutions relating to dress, &c., and how the members can procure regalia, passed at the time of the reinterment of the remains of Bro. Stephen Girard be revived, to govern the contemplated procession and that a copy of said resolutions be sent to each of the subordinate Lodges for their guidance.

The Resolutions referred to above are as follows: *Resolved*, that each individual Brother shall be required to attend in a full suit of black, dress coat with white kid gloves, plain blue sash and plain white apron, excepting the Officers of the Grand Lodge who shall alone wear the full Masonic Regalia of their respective Stations.

Resolved, that to secure uniformity and economy the said sashes and aprons shall be furnished under the direction of the Grand Officers, each subordinate Lodge notifying them in time of the number it will require and paying the first cost thereof.

Resolved, that a Committee of Arrangement be appointed to consist of seven members to act in conjunction with the Grand Officers to make all the necessary arrangements.

On motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that the Grand Lodge have prepared two hundred and fifty aprons and two hundred and fifty sashes to be disposed of under the charge of the Committee of Arrangement.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to appoint on the foregoing Committee the following named Brethren, to wit: Bros. E. P. Lescure, William English, S. S. Bishop, John Thomson, James W. Martien, Matthew Cartwright and William W. Thomson.

By the unanimous consent of the Grand Lodge the Committee on By-laws made the following report which was adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Penna.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report,

That they have examined the several By-laws submitted to them and recommend the approval of those of Nos. 19 and 158.

That the word "shall" be stricken out of the 4th Section of Art. IV of the By-laws of Lodges No. 221 and the word "may" substituted. That the words "Except for non-payment of dues" be stricken from the Section 6, of the same Article. That all after the word applicant be stricken from Article V and the following substituted, viz:

For the admission of an E. A.....$10
" " " " " F. C..... 5

All fees must be paid in advance and that the said By-laws be then approved.

That they have also examined the following and recommend that those of Lodges Nos. 2, 45, 186, and 227 be approved.

That the first three lines of the article on Fees on page 6 of the By-laws of Lodge No. 272 be stricken out and the following substituted, viz:

The fees for conferring degrees and Membership shall in all cases be paid in Advance and shall be as follows, to wit:

For conferring the three degrees by Dispensation.....$18
" Initiation and Membership..... 18
" the Admission of an E. Apprentice..... 10
" " " " a Fellow Craft..... 5
" " " " " Master Mason 1

That the words "two thirds" be stricken from the second line from the bottom of page 6 and from the second and third lines from the bottom of page 7 of said By-laws and the words "a majority" substituted and that said By-laws be then approved.

That the words "two thirds" be stricken from Article VII of the By-laws of Lodge No. 295 and the words "a majority" substituted and that said By-laws be then approved. Respectfully submitted. Signed by the Committee.

On motion duly made and seconded the following named Brethren were admitted as visitors: Bro. James Spencely, No. 2; Jesse R. Ball, Robert Wilson, Thomas Snowden, Wm. A. Shubut, Caleb S. Wright, No. 19; Wm. M. Thackara, Jas. H. Montgomery, No. 51; T. H. Brown, No. 52; J. Fuller Sutter, No. 130; Thos. J. Miles, No. 131; Edw. Hutchinson, Jno. Batt, No. 67; Josiah Ames, No. 114; Robert A. Porter, Mathias Stratton, No. 155; Wm. J. Pollock, No. 186; John Haley, No. 187; Stephen Abbott, No. 211; David J. Lewis, No. 294; Henry Hyneman, No. 1, New Haven, Ct.

No further business presenting itself the Grand Lodge closed in peace at 8½ o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, May 26th, 1855, A. L. 5855.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Special Grand Communication, held in the Hall South 3d Street.

Present: Bro. JAMES HUTCHINSON, R. W. G. M. Bro. Peter Williamson, R. W. D. G. M., acting as R. W. S. G. W. Bro. John Thomson, R. W. J. G. W., p. t. Bro. Thomas E. Baxter, R. W. G. Treas. Bro. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. G. J. G. W., acting as R. W. G. G. Sec. (Bro. Adams being at Bristol Lodge). Bro. John K. Kane, S. G. D., p. t. Bro. Charles Rea Wilson, J. G. D., p. t.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at 5 o'clock, P. M. in the Degree of Master Mason.

The R. W. Grand Master stated the object of this meeting was to confer the Three Degrees of Masonry on John K. Kane, Jr., who is about to proceed on the Arctic Expedition and asked if there were any objections. None being made the M. M. Lodge closed and an E. A. Lodge opened when John K. Kane, Jr., was introduced and received the first degree in Masonry.

E. A. L. closed and a F. C. L. opened. Bro. John K. Kane, Jr., was then introduced and Passed to the Degree of a F. C. M.

F. C. M. L. closed and a M. M. L. opened when Bro. John K. Kane, Jr., was introduced and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

Grand Lodge then closed in peace at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Grand Secretary, p. t.

Transcribed by W. H. Adams, Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, June 4th, 1855, A. L. 5855.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Communication, held in the Masonic Hall, South Third Street.

Present: Bro. JAMES HUTCHINSON, R. W. G. M. Bro. Peter Williamson, R. W. Depy. G. M. Bro. John K. Mitchell, R. W. S. G. W. Bro. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. J. G. W. Bro. Thomas E. Baxter, R. W. G. Treas. Bro. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec'ty. Bro. William H. Nicols, Dep. G. Sec'ty. Bro. Gustavus Remak, S. G. Deacon. Bro. Richard Vaux, J. G. Deacon. Bro. Jacob Laudenslager, G. Marshal.

Bro. Robert Clark, G. Sword Bearer. Bro. Charles Bard Reese, Bro. R. Sterling Wilson, G. Stewards. Bro. H. L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant. Bro. John Chambers, G. Chaplain. Bro. James Page, Bro. Samuel H. Perkins, Bro. William Whitney, Bro. Anthony Bournonville, Past Grand Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Graham, Blackburne, Tallman, Moseley. No. 3, Thomson, Sites, Padmore, English. No. 9, Kelly, Crow, Booth. No. 19, Thornley, Bradley, Nichols, Thomas, Matthews, Master, Wilson, Karrick, Bishop. No. 25, Dungan. No. 51, Thomson, Shippen, Howell, Evans, Whitney. No. 52, Yager, Fitch, Smith, Peirson, Engard, Wilson, Ferguson. No. 59, Adams, Macpherson, Jayne. No. 67, James and Joseph Hutchinson, Martien, Squibb, Griffith, Laudenslager, Smith, Baugh, Reese. No. 70, Hayden. No. 71, Hutchinson, Frishmuth, Bamberry, Kauffman. No. 72, Brown, Ashton, Barger, Thompson, Phillips. No. 81, Snyder, Fulton. No. 91, Brown, Perkins, Hinchmann. No. 114, Baxter, Housekeeper, Krider, Thomson, Clark, Sharp. No. 115, Parker, Shultz, Phillips, Wallace, Heimberger, Sickel, Fulmer, Black. No. 121, Vaux, Mitchell, Smith, Lee, Leviestien. No. 125, Ziegler, Bournonville, Muckle, Remak. No. 126, Jackson, Page, Dolby. No. 130, Lescure, Riley, Strickland, Kirkpatrick, Brown, Pierson, Young. No. 134, Goddard, Roney, Klapp, Williamson, Jackson. No. 155, Bacon, Allen, Kugler, Waters, Martin. No. 158, McCulley, Kuyler, Shields, Weatherby. No. 186, Hufty, Gaskill, Little, Smith, Scattergood, Begley. No. 187, Parsons. No. 211, Lee, Wright, Dorlan, Crockett, Peall, Cartwright. No. 220, Creswell. No. 230, Davis. No. 245, Carr. No. 246, Ramsey, Hyneman. No. 271, Hart, Mayer, Rinestien. No. 273, Levering. No. 289, Phillips. No. 292, Brooks, Eccles. No. 295, Gilpin, Harper.

Proxies: Bros. English, Whitney, Wilson, Wm. Thomson, Adams, Bournonville, Williamson, Phillips, Blackburne, Baugh, Geo. Thomson, Page, Thornley, Hyneman, Jeremiah L. Hutchinson, Yeager, Sharp, James Hutchinson, Smith, Klapp, Ferguson.

Fifty-nine Lodges represented, twenty-three by proxy and thirty-six by members.

The Grand Lodge opened in Due Form the R. W. Dep. Grand Master presiding at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held March 5th, 1855, were read and adopted.

The Minutes of the Special Communication held May 7th, 1855, were also read and adopted.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 216, Pottsville, appointing Bro. Francis Blackburne their Proxy, which was on motion ordered to be entered and filed and Bro. Francis Blackburne acknowledged as the Proxy of said Lodge.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 284, held at Catasauqua, Lehigh Co., Pa., appointing Bro. Horace L. Peterson the Proxy of said Lodge, on motion the communication was ordered to be en-

tered and filed and Bro. Horace L. Peterson acknowledged as their Proxy.

A communication from Lodge No. 51 was read wherein it appeared Bro. —— —— was expelled from said Lodge for unmasonic conduct.

A communication was also read from Bro. —— appealing from said expulsion and asking the Grand Lodge to investigate said proceedings. On motion duly made and seconded, the whole subject was referred to a special Committee of Three. The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bros. David C. Skerret, George P. Little, and Charles Gilpin as said Committee.

Special communications were received and read from the following Lodges setting forth the rejections in the Several Lodges which were on Motion ordered to be entered and filed: Nos. 52, 71, 62, 159, 186, 255, 281, and 283.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 62, at Reading, asking for a reballot on —— —— and —— ——, applicants for Initiation and Membership who had been rejected in said Lodge. On motion were referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A communication was read from Integrity Lodge, No. 187, asking for a reballot in the case of —— ——, a rejected applicant in said Lodge. On motion was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 283 asking for a reballot in the case of —— ——, a rejected applicant in said Lodge. On motion was also referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A circular application for assistance was read from Altoona Lodge, No. 281, setting forth that their Hall was burned on the morning of April 4th, 1855 last, and asking such aid as the Grand Lodge should think proper. On motion duly made and seconded, one hundred dollars were granted.

Copies of the By-laws of Lodges Nos. 61, 70, 71, 121, 203, 243, 281, and 292 sent to Committee on By-laws.

The following report was read, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Bro. John G. Michner and others for a Warrant of constitution, empowering them to meet as a regular Lodge at the Masonic Hall in the City of Philada., to be called Land Mark Lodge, No.

Respectfully report, that they have examined carefully the said application and the recommendations attached and find them in strict conformity with the Land-marks of the order and therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

They further report, that the petition of Bro. William C. Rice and others for a Warrant, which was also referred to them, owing to some misunderstanding among the recommenders they are obliged to return the vouchers and papers with a negative recommendation. As they believe in the absence of union and harmony which should always prevail success cannot be expected to attend their labors.

They further respectfully report, that experience shows that the welfare of our Institution has not been promoted by the increase of the number of City Lodges and your Committee would earnestly urge upon the Grand Lodge and the Brethren to set their face against granting any more new Warrants for the City, except in cases where it is clearly shown that a Lodge by its numbers cannot be managed in a Masonic manner and not then but upon an application of at least one-third of the Members of a Lodge so situated, for it cannot be denied that Warrants have been granted where five or six applicants in a Lodge have become dissatisfied, either by not getting themselves or friends promoted, or upon a difference of opinion from a majority of the Brethren. A Lodge thus formed is for a long time weak and inefficient and must seek extraneous aid to defray the heavy expense incurred and become over solicitous to increase the number of its members for individuals thus aggrieved a ready and effectual remedy is at hand; for if they are worthy the doors of at least thirty Lodges are open to receive them. But in no instance should a Warrant be granted to Brethren so situated. Nothing short of a mutual decision of a Lodge should warrant an application for a new Warrant. A Lodge thus formed would be sufficiently strong at its commencement to insure success, and great harmony amongst the Members of the old and new Lodge would ensue, and the Members would not be forced to seek reinforcement as in the other cases above referred to. Respectfully submitted. Signed,

SAMUEL BADGER, E. P. LESCURE, GEORGE SMITH, *Committee.*
PHIL., June 4, 1855.

On the recommendation to grant the application signed Bro. J. G. Michner and others a vote was taken, also a decision was called for when it was decided not to grant the Warrant to the applicants.

On the recommendation by the foregoing Committee not to grant a warrant to Bro. W. C. Rice and others for the City of Philada. it was agreed to.

The following was offered by Bro. Henry M. Phillips and fully agreed to, to wit:

Resolved, that the R. W. G. Master draw his order on the Grand Treasurer in favor of the Trustees of the new Masonic Loan, for the amount of interest falling due on said Loan and payable on the first of July next.

The following report was read and on motion of Bro. Joseph S. Riley and duly seconded, it was agreed that the principle set forth in said report be confirmed by the Grand Lodge, adopted.

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on Landmarks to whom was referred the Com. of Rising Star Lodge, No. 126, complaining of the action of the W. M. of Lodge No. 43 at Lancaster on the 8th of Nov. last in refusing to admit Bro. —— —— as a visitor.

Respectfully report: that no unworthy or improper motives or feelings are imputed to the W. M. of No. 43 in the course he pursued, on the contrary the protest and complaint itself states that the refusal of the W. M. of No. 43 to admit Bro. —— was based upon the plea that his admittance would mar the harmony of the Lodge. There is no denial in the complaint that his admission would have had that effect, even if it would it was not only the right, but duty of the W. M. of Lodge No. 43 to refuse to admit Bro. —— on the night in question. The good order and harmony of a Lodge are entrusted to the W. M., for the time being and it is his duty so to exercise the powers entrusted to him, as should best promote those objects. For this purpose he has power to refuse admittance to any visitor, whose admission will destroy the peace and harmony of his Lodge, but at the same time he is responsible to the Grand Lodge for the exercise of that power in a fraternal and Masonic manner.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL H. PERKINS, *Chairman.*

JUNE 1st 1855.

The following report from the Committee on Landmarks was read, approved and the decision therein contained was confirmed by the Grand Lodge, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on Landmarks to whom was referred the report of a Committee of this Grand Lodge on the appeal of Brother —— ——, suspended by Solomon's Lodge, No. 114, and Brother —— ——, suspended by Lodge No. 51.

Respectfully report that both of those Brethren were suspended by their respective Lodges for non-payment of dues. The question presented is whether Brethren suspended for such a cause can be restored to Membership on paying their dues without the unanimous consent of the Lodge expressed in the usual way. The report in both cases made by entirely different Committees of this Grand Lodge, to whom the respective appeals were referred, are unanimous in saying that a Brother who has been suspended from a Lodge, although it be for non-payment of dues, cannot again become a member except in the usual way by petition to the Lodge and having his petition referred to a Committee and the unanimous report of the Committee in his favor and the unanimous approval of the Lodge by ballot. In so deciding both reports are correct. A Brother ceases to be a member of a Lodge by expulsion, suspension or resignation. Having once wholly ceased to be a member, he can only again become such by the unanimous approval of the members expressed by ballot after a favorable report by a Committee on his petition. Any other course would subject a Brother who has for years faithfully fulfilled every other Masonic obligation and resigned in good standing and afterwards wishes (to apply) to rejoin his Lodge to greater

difficulties and a stricter ordeal than one who has confessedly been derelict in his Masonic duties and been cut off for his own default.

The Committee on Landmarks therefore recommend the adoption of the report of the Committee on the appeal of Brother —— —— and also the report of the Committee on the appeal of Bro. —— —— and the passage of the respective resolutions accompanying each report.

All of which is respectfully submitted by order of the Committee on Landmarks.

Signed, SAMUEL H. PERKINS, *Chairman.*

The following report from the Trustees of the Stephen Girard Bequest was read, approved and the resolution attached thereto unanimously adopted, to wit:

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Penna. and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest respectfully report: that they have received from interest and dividends on investments since the last year's report dated June 1st, 1854 the sum of..$2,185 00
To which add bal. in bank at the date of last report..... 1,308 59

Making a total of..... $3,466 59
Of the above sum the Trustees have paid on orders of the R. W. G. Master for the use of the Committee of Charity $2,000 00
Cash paid for certificate of one thousand dollars ($1,000) No. 3222 City Six per cent. Loan N. Penn. R. R. 912 50
$2,912 50

Balance on deposit in the Penna. Co. for Insurance on Lives and Granting Annuities say five hundred and fifty four 9/100 Dollars $554 09

Since the last report the Trustees have withdrawn their deposits from the Farmers and Mechanics Bank, where there has been a large average balance for years, totally unproductive, and have opened a deposit with the Pennsylvania Company for Insurance on Lives and Granting Annuities where the balances are believed to be equally safe and on which the Company pay an interest of four per cent.

The Trustees have also invested since the last report the sum of nine hundred and twelve dollars 50/100 Dollars in a certificate of one thousand dollars ($1000) of City Six per cent. Loan No. 3222 N. Penna. R. Road. These are the only changes in the funds of the Trust.

The investments of the Bequest are now as follows, to wit:

Certificate No. 29 in the Grand Lodge of Penna. Loan.....	$25,400 00
Do. No. 44	1,000 00
Do. No. 3222 City 6 per ct. Loan.....	1,000 00
Do. No. 4562 Do. Do.	4,000 00
Certificate No. 4563 City Loan	4,000 00
	$37,900 00
Bal. in the Penns. Co. for Insurance on Lives, &c...	554 09
	$38,454 09

Say ($38,454.09) dollars taking the par value of the investments. This has been accomplished not by diminishing our appropriations to the objects of our bounty, for we have for years annually appropriated two hundred dollars more than the founder of the Trust contemplated, but is owing to the favorable terms on which the investments were made. The Trustees are gratified in being able again to recommend an appropriation of two thousand dollars ($2000) to the charitable purpose of the Bequest, during the year ending June 1st, 1856. They therefore submit the following Resolution, to wit:

Resolved, that the sum of two thousand dollars ($2000) be, and same is hereby appropriated, to the use of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund for the year ending June 1st, 1856 to be drawn for in the usual manner.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, S. H. Perkins, P. Williamson, G. P. Little.

The R. W. Grand Master who had been detained by an accident to the Rail Road was announced and was received with the accustomed honors.

Bro. William English, Chairman of the Committee appointed at last Quarterly Communication to act in conjunction with the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity to report a plan and the most practicable means of so increasing the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, as to relieve the several Lodges in the City from the numerous applications for temporary relief which now press upon them; and also to prepare a code of permanent rules for the government of said Fund, read an able and very lengthy report, Rules, Regulations, &c. Which on motion of Bro. Richard Vaux and duly seconded, was ordered to be printed and a copy furnished to each subordinate Lodge within the distance of three miles of the city.

The following communication from Lodge No. 164 was read and on motion duly made and seconded, was referred to the Committee having in charge the revision of the Ahiman Rezon, to wit:

At a Stated Meeting of Washington Lodge, No. 164, A. Y. Masons,

held on Monday Evening, April 2, 1855, A. L. 5855, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the present system of representation in the Grand Lodge of Pa. is unequal and prejudicial to the interest of subordinate Lodges at a distance from Philadelphia and should be so changed as to give the subordinate Lodges an equal voice in all questions touching their interests.

Therefore Resolved, by Washington Lodge No. 164 that our Proxy be and is hereby instructed to propose at the next Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge the following amendment or addition to the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Penna., to wit: Insert in the first section immediately after the close of the 6th line these words "*provided that each subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction shall be entitled to three votes and no more in the Grand Lodge.*"

Extract from the Minutes.

[L. S.] H. H. FRISBIE, *Sec'ty Washington Lodge, No. 164.*

The following communication was read from Bro. —— —— and on motion was referred to a special Committee of Three, to wit:

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Penns.

The Petition of —— —— respectfully showeth that he was a member of Lodge No. 45, Pittsburg. That about three months after your petitioner joined the said Lodge, charges were made against your petitioner, which charges were by the Lodge sent to a Committee. That your petitioner never was before the Committee appointed by Lodge No. 45 to investigate said charges, that your petitioner never had notice from the Committee to appear before it. That while your petitioner was absent on business from Pittsburg the Committee, or some of them, reported against your petitioner and he was expelled. Your petitioner further sheweth that he appealed to the R. W. G. Lodge and the appeal was sent to the said Committee of No. 45 and said Committee confirmed the action of Lodge No. 45. Your Petitioner further sheweth that he was a Master Mason of Lodge No. 45. That he has been a M. M. of ten years standing. That he now resides in the City of Philada. That he prays the R. W. Grand Lodge to appoint a Committee to examine into the facts of the case and grant your petitioner a hearing together, with the charges made against him, in order that your petitioner may have and receive a full, fair and impartial hearing of his accusers and himself and he will then and thereafter cheerfully abide the decision of the R. W. Grand Lodge thereon.

And as in duty bound will ever pray, &c.

Signed, —— ——

PHILADA., June 4/55.

To the R. W. G. Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Pa.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bros. George W. Hufty, John L. Goddard and Jeremiah L. Hutchinson said Committee.

On motion of Brother Frances Blackburne and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that permission be granted to the Committee of Furnishing and Refitting the New Hall to remove from the Old Hall South 3rd Street such furniture as they may wish to renovate for use in the New Hall.

The following report from the Committee on By-laws was read and adopted, to wit:

To the R. Worshipful Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report, that they have examined the various By-laws submitted to them and recommend, that in place of the amendment to the By-laws of Lodge No. 61 the following be substituted.

The fees for conferring Degrees and Membership shall in all cases be paid in advance and shall be as follows:

For conferring the three degrees by Dispensation	$25 00
" Initiation and Membership	25 00
" the admission of an E. A.	9 00
" " " " a F. C.	5 00
" " " " a M. M.	1 00

The dues shall be Three dollars per Annum.

That the amendments to the By-laws of Lodges No. 71 and No. 121 be approved.

That for the Table of Fees contained in the By-laws of Lodge No. 203 the following be substituted, viz.:

For conferring the 3 degs. by Dispensation	$30 00
" Initiation and Membership	30 00
" Admission of an E. A. M.	15 00
" do " a F. C. M.	10 00
" " " " M. M.	3 00

That the words "two thirds" be stricken from Article XIV and XVI of said By-laws and the word "majority" substituted therefor and that said By-laws be then approved.

That the By-laws of Lodges No. 237 and No. 292 be approved.

Respectfully submitted. Signed by the Committee.

No further business presenting itself the Grand Lodge closed in peace at ten minutes past ten o'clock, P. M. to meet on the third Monday, June 18, 1855.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, June 18th, 1855, A. L. 5855.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Extra Quarterly Communication, held in the Hall South 3rd St.

Present: Bro. JAMES HUTCHINSON, R. W. G. M. Bro. Peter William-

son, R. W. D. G. M. Bro. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. S. G. W., p. t. Bro. John L. Goddard, R. W. J. G. W., p. t. Bro. E. P. Lescure, R. W. G. T., Bro. Thomas E. Baxter absent on important private business. Bro. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec. Bro. W. Hayward Nicols, Dep. G. Sec. Bro. E. Strickland, S. G. Deacon, p. t. Bro. M. Cartwright, J. G. Deacon, p. t. Bro. Jacob Laudenslager, G. Marshal. Bro. William Leach, G. Sword Bearer. Bro. Horace L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant. Bro. William W. Thomson and Bro. George P. Little, as G. Stewards. Bros. W. Barger, Anth. Bournonville and Sam. H. Perkins, Past Grand Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Bros. Blackburne, Graham. No. 3, Thomson, Padmore, English. No. 9, Brothers, Leach, Kelly, Crow. No. 19, Karrick, Thornley, Matthews, Nichols. No. 25, Benezet. No. 51, Howell, Thomson, Shippen. No. 52, Wilson, Ferguson, Wood, Fitch. No. 59, Adams, Jayne. No. 67, Baugh, Hutchinson, Reese, Field, Laudenslager, Martien, Squibb. No. 71, Frishmuth, Kauffman, Jones. No. 72, Phillips, Thompson, Ashton, Barger, O'Harra. No. 91, Brown, Perkins, Swaim, Henchman, S. C. Perkins. No. 114, Thomson, Sharp, Krider. No. 115, Heimberger, Fulmer. No. 121, Lennig, See, Levestien, Peterson. No. 125, Muckle, Bournonville. No. 126, Jackson. No. 130, Young, Kirkpatrick, Watson, Easby, Lescure, Riley, Strickland. No. 131, Matlack, Smith. No. 155, Ruan, Martin. No. 186, Bigley, Scattergood. No. 187, Parsons. No. 211, Page, Cartwright, Lee. No. 230, Davis. No. 246, Ramsey, Hyneman. No. 274, Giddard, Cown. No. 289, Loughead. No. 294, Gilpin, Harper, Yerkes.

Proxies: Bros. Wm. English, Chas. Brothers, W. W. Thomson, Wm. H. Adams, Anthony Bournonville, Peter Williamson, Wm. Barger, H. M. Phillips, F. Blackburne, Harman Baugh, George Thomson, John Thornley, Leon Hyneman, Jno. G. Sharp, Jas. Hutchinson, Geo. Smith, Jas. Ferguson.

Forty-eight Lodges represented, thirty-one by members and seventeen by proxy.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at ¼ past 7 o'clock, P. M. P. M.

A special communication was read from Harmony Lodge, No. 52.

A communication from Lodge No. 72 was read, in which the Lodge, by resolution, asks for permission to dispense with the Stated Meetings in July and August. On motion duly made and seconded, the request was complied with.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 115 setting forth the refusal of said Lodge to granting —— —— a second ballot, he having been rejected at a previous meeting. On motion duly made and seconded, said communication was ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication from the German Lodge, No. 231, held in Pittsburg, Penna., was read, setting forth a request that the Grand Lodge pass a law preventing applicants from being made E. P. and Raised in the English Lodges who cannot speak the English Language. On

motion duly made and seconded, was referred to the Committee having in charge the revision of the Ahiman Rezon.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 261, appointing Bro. William Leach the Representative of said Lodge in the Grand Lodge of Penna. On motion duly made and seconded, the communication was ordered to be entered and filed and Bro. William Leach acknowledged as the proxy of said Lodge.

An application for a new Warrant at Le Raysville, Bradford Co., Penna., was read naming Bros. William B. Stevens, W. M.; Alonzo Smith, S. W.; Alphonse J. Lloyd, J. W. On motion duly made and seconded, was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

Several applications for the Grand Lodge to subscribe to Masonic publications were brought up, when on motion duly made and seconded, were ordered to be laid on the table.

The following resolution was read and on motion made and seconded, was adopted.

Resolved, that a Committee of one from each Lodge meeting in this building be appointed to consider and report to the Grand Lodge, as early as possible, the amount of rent to be charged for the several rooms within the New Hall, Chestnut Street.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bros. Peter Fritz, No. 155. George H. Hart, No. 91. N. B. Mosley, No. 2. T. Colladay, No. 3. Charles Brothers, No. 9. George K. Childs, No. 19. S. B. Ashmead, No. 51. William H. Pearson, No. 52. N. Campbell, No. 59. John Wagner, No. 67. J. L. Hutchinson, No. 71. J. Sperring, No. 72. Alexander Parvis, No. 187. Jacob Mayer, No. 271. Robert Clark, No. 114. Frederick Shultz, No. 115. A. R. Foering, No. 121. George K. Zeigler, No. 125. J. W. Whatham, No. 126. E. P. Lescure, No. 130. James Moore, No. 131. William H. Klapp, No. 134. James Baird, No. 158. George W. Hufty, No. 186. Joseph S. Langer, No. 246. James Gwyn, No. 289. Herman Yerkes, No. 295. In all 27 Lodges.

The following report was read, approved and the Committee was continued, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on Dedicating the New Hall, Chestnut Street, respectfully report, that in pursuance of the duty assigned them they have made the necessary preliminary arrangements to give effect to the imposing ceremonies incident to the dedicating of the New Hall. The Grand Secretary at a recent meeting of the General Committee reported having sent the following circular to every subordinate Lodge in this State, to wit:

HALL SOUTH 3RD STREET, PHILADA., May 26th, 1855.

DR. SIR AND BRO., The Grand Officers and Committee appointed under the foregoing resolutions (sent a copy of the Grand Lodge of Penna. in relation to the dedicating ceremonies) held a meeting on Tuesday Evening last and adopted the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the R. W. G. Sec. be directed to communicate to the various Lodges in this Jurisdiction the proceedings of the Grand Lodge in reference to the dedication of the New Hall and that the Lodges be requested to inform the R. W. G. Sec. before the 14th of July next the number of Brethren from each Lodge that will probably attend and participate in the ceremonies of dedication to enable the Committee to furnish an apron and sash for each Brother so attending. The day set apart by the R. W. Grand Master (with the unanimous approval of the Brethren) for the dedication of the New Hall is the 26th of September next that day being the 69th anniversary of the formation of the present Grand Lodge. It being necessary for the Order to make before the Public as uniform an appearance as possible the R. W. Grand Master directs me to say that he will feel himself compelled to strictly enforce the resolutions of the Grand Lodge (herewith sent). To enable the Committee to procure the number of aprons and sashes it will be necessary for your Lodge to act in the matter as speedily as possible. The expense (if at all) will but triflingly exceed that charged for the last regalia. Fraternally and truly yours, &c., WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *G. S.*

W. MASTER.

They further report that they have contracted with Messrs. William Horstman and Son for furnishing the aprons and sashes to be worn on the occasion at a cost of $1.80 for the set (Apron and Sash). The same to be delivered on the first of Sept. next.

They have adopted a resolution that no Mason shall be allowed to participate in the procession, or any other part of the ceremonies of the day unless he is a member and attached to a Lodge.

In all the invitations extended to sister Grand Lodges and the Brethren of other Jurisdictions, care has been taken to impress upon them the absolute order of this Grand Lodge in relation to the appropriate Masonic dress, to wit: A full black suit, with dress coat and white kid gloves, this rule it is designed to have strictly enforced. The various other subjects connected with the dedication have been referred to appropriate sub-committees and will be attended to in due time and all necessary information in regard to the same be communicated to the brethren. Respectfully submitted,

JAMES HUTCHINSON, *Chairman.*

On motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that all the Lodges Meeting in this Hall have permission to discontinue, or dispense, with their meetings in July and August next if they see proper to do so.

The R. W. Grand Master arose and announced that he had appointed Bro. N. F. Marsh, of Honesdale, Wayne County, Penna., in the place of Bro. Richard A. Oakford who had resigned, District Deputy Grand Master.

On motion of Brother Joseph S. Riley and duly seconded, it was resolved, that the Committee having in charge the New York matter be requested to report without fail at our next meeting.

On motion of Bro. William English and duly seconded, the Grand Lodge agreed to go into the consideration of the report made by the Committee at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge on the most practicable means of so increasing the Grand Lodge Charity Fund as to relieve the several Lodges in the city from the numerous applications for temporary relief which now press upon them, &c.

The By-laws were then taken up and read by Article.

See printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge for Quarterly Communication Phila., June 4th, 1855, A. L. 5855, or corrected copy herewith written.

The first Article of the By-laws of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund was read, maturely considered and adopted.

Article II read and adopted.

Article III read and amended as follows and then adopted:

At the Quarterly communication in September, annually, the Grand Lodge shall subscribe to this Fund the sum of three thousand and appropriate and pay the interest thereof for use during the ensuing year, and at the Stated Meeting in September, annually, every subordinate Lodge that may sanction and subscribe to these By-laws shall appropriate and pay to this Fund the sum of one dollar for each member thereof returned as being in good standing to the Grand Lodge on the preceding Saint John's day and the subscriptions, appropriations and payments herein specified shall continue to be made for ten years, unless the capital sum provided for in Article II of these By-laws be sooner realized.

Lodges Warranted between the annual meeting of this Grand Lodge shall pay one dollar for the number of their charter Members.

Article IV read and adopted.

Article V read and adopted.

Article VI read by Sections and Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 adopted.

Article VII read by Sections. The blank in Section first was filled up with the word "four" and then adopted. Sections 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 were read and adopted. Section 3 was altered to read as follows and then adopted, to wit:

The Stated Meetings of the Board (except the Annual Meeting which shall be held on the first Monday in Jan.) shall be held on the Second Monday of each month at the Masonic Hall from the first of April to the first of October at 7 o'clock and from the first of October to the first of April at 6 o'clock, P. M.

Section 4 was also altered to read as follows and was then adopted:

The President of the Board shall also act as Chairman of the quarterly classes. He shall keep an order book and enter on the margin thereof all orders drawn on the Treasurer and for what purpose,

sign all such orders, call special meetings of the Board on the written request of five members and make a full report to the Grand Lodge of the Transactions of the Board for the preceding year. The President of the Board to have the casting vote on all questions of equal division.

Article VIII Sections 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8, were read and adopted.

Section 2 was amended by inserting the word "Tuesday" and then adopted.

Section 5 was amended to read as follows and then adopted, to wit: Any class of Almoners may during their term in their discretion in lieu of money grant relief to an applicant by the purchase of such necessary articles as the exigencies of the case may require.

Article 9 was read and adopted.

The report as offered and amended finally as a whole passed as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania, &c.

The Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund and the Committee appointed to act in conjunction with them having had referred to them a resolution requiring them to report at the Quarterly Communication in June "The most practicable means of so increasing the Grand Lodge Charity Fund as to relieve the several Lodges in this City from the numerous applications for temporary relief which now press upon them; and also to prepare a code of permanent rules for the government of said fund," respectfully report, the Joint Committee have given to the subjects committed to them all the consideration which their important interests and the responsibilities with which they are invested seemed to demand. Within less than four brief months from this period this Grand Lodge and the subordinate Lodges meeting in this City will take possession of and occupy in the future a magnificent Temple, the value of which, with its furniture and the ground upon which it stands, will exceed a quarter of a million of dollars. This Temple is then to be consecrated to Ancient Free Masonry and its cardinal principles the leading one of which is *Charity*. To be worthy of this beautiful structure, to be worthy of the exalted position they now occupy in the great Masonic family, to merit a continuance of the favor and esteem with which they are now regarded by this entire community, the Brethren of this City and Jurisdiction must exhibit incontestible evidence that Charity with them is not an unmeaning word. They must make ample provision in this their day of prosperity and success for the wants of those widows of their departed Brethren, who are stricken with the infirmities of age or the destitution of poverty and for such of their orphan children as have been left without care or culture and perhaps, without the shelter of a home. The Committee would not be understood as implying that any of our Lodges are in any degree obnoxious to the charge of having hitherto neglected this first Masonic duty. On the contrary they have had abundant evi-

dence before them of the most liberal donations being made for the relief of the needy who had claims upon our Order. It is only to the diffuse and careless manner in which these donations are made that reasonable objections can be urged. The aggregate of the sums thus contributed though not sufficient, perhaps to relieve all the wants of meritorious applicants, would, if concentrated and distributed in moderate gratuities or small loans, go far to start in some light business requiring but a limited capital many of those widows who are fully competent to the undertaking and who would be placed in a position to support themselves and families in comfort and respectability and be relieved from the humiliation of future dependence on the casual contributions from the Lodges. Others whose age, infirmities or other causes rendered unfit to pursue a regular business could be effectually relieved either periodically or as their exigencies require it from the same abundant, because concentrated, source of charity. The labors of the Committee therefore, have been directed to the means of a judicious application of the charitable contributions of the Lodges as well as to secure a sum sufficient to meet all reasonable demands. The code of laws herewith submitted will, it is believed, produce regularity, harmony, and practicable equality in the distribution of our charitable donations. Whilst under the present mode one widow having a particular friend, who will so far interest himself in her behalf as to visit the Lodges successively for a month or more and press her claims upon their attention, may receive from one hundred and fifty to two hundred dollars, another widow equally deserving and equally destitute, but being less acquainted or perhaps more modest, will have her humble petition presented to one or two Lodges, receive five or ten dollars and then having none to urge it, it finds its way to the pedestal and there among others of more doubtful merit it is buried and forgotten until want and misery constrain the petitioner to make another appeal when the same cold ceremony is again performed. The plan herein contemplated will not, in the opinion of the Committee, require from the Lodges entering into it, any larger outlay for charitable purposes than is disbursed by them under the present partial and lamentably inefficient system; whilst the calls upon them for that object will, except for special cases, at their own option cease at the farthest in ten years. The annual subscriptions from the Grand Lodge as provided for in the By-laws herewith presented, will not be required until the expiration of ten years and not even then if she, at that time, desires to take charge of the Fund thus created, and will hold it in trust and distribute its revenue annually in charity. In the interim the interest on her subscriptions is all the cash means that will be drawn from her Treasury, and that or as much of it as may be needed, will go towards making up the sum designed for annual distribution. The following tables, based upon the presumption that all the Lodges within three miles of the Masonic Hall will at once enter into the arrangement, will exemplify the ease with

which the contemplated capital can be raised, and will exhibit at a glance the munificent sum that will be at once at our disposal for charitable purposes.

TABLE I.

Showing the means by which the capital can be secured.

Amount of present Grand Lodge Charity Fund	$ 9,600 00
Annual subscription of Grand Lodge 10 years @ $3000	30,000 00
Annual contributions of subordinate Lodges, 3700 members at 25 cents each, 10 years	9,250 00
Interest on contributions of subordinate Lodges reinvested annually	2,945 18
Making the gross capital on the date above specified	$59,895 18
Add interest on each successive subscription by Grand Lodge, over $180 per annum	8,100 00
Making the gross capital on the date above specified	$59,895 18

TABLE II.

Showing the amount for immediate distribution in Charity by the laws herewith proposed.

Interest on $9600 present amount of Grand Lodge Charity Fund	$576 00
Interest on $3000 annual sub. by Grand Lodge	180 00
Contributions of sub. Lodges 3700 members at 75 cts. each, per annum	2,775 00
Making the amount for annual distribution commencing 1st of Oct. next	$3,531 00

TABLE III.

Showing the amt. for annual distribution by adding the interest on each successive annual subscription of Grand Lodge instead of funding the same.

1st	year, com'g	Oct. 1st.	as above,	$180 Int. from Gr. Lodge,	$3,531 00
2d	" "	1856,	$360	"	3,711 00
3d	" "	1857,	540	"	3,891 00
4th	" "	1858,	720	"	4,071 00
5th	" "	1859,	900	"	4,251 00
6th	" "	1860,	1,080	"	4,431 00
7th	" "	1861,	1,260	"	4,611 00
8th	" "	1862,	1,440	"	4,791 00
9th	" "	1863,	1,620	"	4,971 00
10th	" "	1864,	1,800	"	5,151 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH S. RILEY,
G. SMITH,
WASHINGTON HEIMBERGER,
JOHN C. SMITH,
Committee Grand Lodge.

WILLIAM ENGLISH,
JOHN BRADLEY,
JAMES KELLY,
J. W. MARTIEN,
Trustees Grand Lodge Charity Fund.

BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND LODGE CHARITY FUND.

Article I.

The style and title of this Fund shall be "The Grand Lodge Charity Fund." It shall be for the relief of poor and respectable Widows and Orphan Children, and the Mothers and Sisters of such Brother Master Masons as may have been in good standing at the time of their decease.

Article II.

The capital of this Fund shall be at least fifty thousand dollars, and shall be created in the following manner, to wit: By all moneys and investments now belonging to the present Grand Lodge Charity Fund; by annual subscriptions from the Grand Lodge; by annual contributions from such subordinate lodges as may sanction and subscribe to these By-laws; and by contributions, legacies and bequests from individual members of the Masonic order or other persons.

Article III.

At the Quarterly Communication in September, the Grand Lodge shall subscribe to this Fund the sum of three thousand dollars, and appropriate and pay the interest thereof for use during the ensuing year; and at the stated meeting in September, annually, every subordinate Lodge that may sanction and subscribe to these By-laws, shall appropriate and pay to this Fund the sum of one dollar for each member thereof, returned as being in good standing, to the Grand Lodge on the preceding St. John's Day. Lodges warranted between the annual meetings of this Grand Lodge, shall pay one dollar for each Charter member; and the subscriptions, appropriations and payments herein specified shall continue to be made for ten years unless the capital sum provided for in the second article of these By-laws be sooner realized.

Article IV.

The annual subscriptions of the Grand Lodge and twenty-five per cent. of the contributions (and the interest thereof) of subordinate Lodges, together with all contributions, legacies and bequests of individual members or other persons, (the latter not being otherwise specifically directed) shall be forthwith invested in Masonic Loans, National, State or City Loans, or in ground rents or mortgages, and shall continue to be so invested annually and at other times, if necessary, until the investments so made shall amount to the capital sum specified in the second article of these By-laws.

Article V.

The interest on the investments of the present Grand Lodge Charity Fund, the interest on the annual subscriptions of the Grand Lodge and the interest on all contributions, legacies and bequests of individual members, or other persons (the latter not being other-

wise specifically directed) together with seventy-five per cent. of the contributions of subordinate Lodges, or such portion of these several sums as may be required shall be distributed amongst such persons as may be entitled, under the provisions of the first article of these By-laws to receive the same. And all moneys not so required shall be invested in accordance with the provisions of the preceding article.

ARTICLE VI.

SECT. 1. At the Annual Communication in December of each year, the Grand Lodge shall elect in like manner as other similar officers are elected, five members thereof, who shall be denominated "Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund."

SECT. 2. The Trustees so elected shall receive, and hold in trust, all certificates of subscription and moneys appropriated to this fund, all dividends and interest accruing on account thereof and all contributions, legacies and bequests made thereto.

SECT. 3. They shall make all investments on account of said Fund, in accordance with the provisions of these By-laws but shall not receive or execute any deed, bond, certificate or other instrument of writing or make any deposit of moneys, except as "Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund" for themselves and their successors in office.

SECT. 4. On the first Mondays of October, January, April and July in each year, they shall declare and apropriate the amount to be distributed in charity the ensuing quarterly term and pay all orders for moneys to be so distributed, drawn by the R. W. Grand Master, and attested by the R. W. Grand Secretary; *provided*, the aggregate amount of such does not exceed the sum so appropriated.

SECT. 5. On the expiration of their term of office, or whenever lawfully superseded, they shall deliver up all books, papers, moneys, deeds, bonds, certificates or other documents, or property belonging to the Fund in their possession or under their control, to their successors in office or to whomsoever else may be lawfully appointed to receive them.

SECT. 6. At the Quarterly Communication in September next, the R. W. Grand Master shall appoint five members of the Grand Lodge to act as Trustees aforesaid, until the Annual Communication in December next ensuing. And the Trustees so appointed shall be governed by and act in conformity to the provisions of these By-laws.

ARTICLE VII.

SECT. 1. The distribution of the income arising from the Fund hereinbefore provided, shall be intrusted to a Board to be denominated the "Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund," and said Board shall be constituted in the following manner, to wit: At the Quarterly Communication in September next the R. W. Grand Master

shall appoint four members of the Grand Lodge to serve in said Board until St. John's Day following at which and annually thereafter he shall appoint a like number to serve for one year. And at the stated meeting in September next, each subordinate Lodge that shall sanction and subscribe to these By-laws shall elect or appoint one of its members (a Past Master) to serve in said Board until its annual meeting, at which time, and annually thereafter, there shall be elected or appointed one member with like qualifications to serve one year.

SECT. 2. The Board of Almoners thus constituted shall organize on the first Monday in October, at the Masonic Hall, at 7 o'clock, P. M. A majority of all the members shall constitute a quorum. They shall elect by ballot a President, to serve until the first Monday in January ensuing, at which time, and annually thereafter, they shall in like manner elect a President to serve for one year.

SECT. 3. The stated meetings of the Board, (except the annual meeting which shall be held on the first Monday in January) shall be held on the second Monday in each month, at the Masonic Hall, from the first of April to the first of October, at 7 o'clock, and from the first of October to the first of April, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

SECT. 4. The President of the Board shall also act as Chairman of the quarterly classes. He shall keep an order book, and enter on the margin thereof all orders drawn on the Treasurer, and for what purpose, sign all such orders, call special meetings of the Board on the written request of five members, and make a full report to the Grand Lodge, at the Annual Communication in December of the transactions of the Board for the preceding year. The President of the Board to have the casting vote on all questions when the Board is equally divided.

SECT. 5. The Grand Secretary shall be *ex officio* Secretary of the Board. He shall keep correct minutes of the proceedings thereof, issue notices for all meetings; record all By-laws, Rules and Regulations adopted by the Board and approved by the Grand Lodge; assist the President, if required, in making his annual report, and perform all other duties incident to his office.

SECT. 6. The Grand Treasurer shall be *ex officio* Treasurer of "The Grand Lodge Charity Fund." He shall keep separate accounts, in books to be provided for that purpose, of all moneys received and paid by him on account thereof; pay all orders drawn upon said Fund, when signed by the President of the Board and endorsed by a majority of the Class of Almoners in service when the same are issued; report to each stated meeting of the Board the amount expended and the balance in hand, and have his books and vouchers at all times ready for examination.

SECT. 7. On the death, resignation or removal of the President, the place shall be supplied for the remainder of the year by a new election, but the temporary absence of said officer shall be supplied by an appointment *pro tempore*, and the officer so appointed, shall

be invested with all the powers and perform all the duties of the President during his incumbency.

SECT. 8. At each stated meeting of the Board, after the minutes have been read and acted upon, the Class of Almoners then in service shall make a full report of their transactions during the preceding month.

SECT. 9. On their first organization in October next, the Board shall be divided by lot into three classes, the first class to serve during the month of October, the second class during the month of November, and the third class during the month of December. On their organization in January ensuing, and annually thereafter, they shall in like manner be divided into four equal classes, the first class to serve from the first Monday in January to the first Monday in April, the second class to serve from the first Monday in April to the first Monday in July; the third class to serve from the first Monday in July to the first Monday in October, and the fourth class to serve from the first Monday in October to the first Monday in January, and should the number of Almoners composing the Board not admit of an equal division into four classes, the supernumeraries shall be divided by lot between the first and fourth classes.

SECT. 10. The Board shall have authority to procure all the books and other articles necessary to a proper discharge of its duties, and the Treasurer shall pay all orders drawn for that purpose, when signed by the President and attested by the Secretary, without the endorsement required by the sixth section of this article.

ARTICLE VIII.

SECT. 1. The Almoners of each class shall at their first meeting elect a Secretary who shall keep a correct record of all the proceedings thereof in a book to be provided for that purpose and at the expiration of his term of service he shall deliver said record to his successor.

SECT. 2. The Almoners of each class, during their respective terms shall meet on Tuesday evening of each week, at the Masonic Hall, at the hour prescribed for the meetings of the Board during that term.

SECT. 3. All appropriations for the relief of persons entitled thereto under the provisions of the first and fifth articles of these By-laws, must be in writing, and recommended by two or more Master Masons, members of a Lodge or of Lodges, contributing directly to this Fund.

SECT. 4. The character and standing of each applicant for relief shall be strictly inquired into, and no class of Almoners shall grant more than fifty dollars to any one applicant at one time, or during the same term, unless by order of the Board of Almoners, given at a stated or special meeting.

SECT. 5. Any class of Almoners may during their term in their discretion in lieu of money, grant relief to an applicant by the

purchase of such necessary articles as the exigencies of the case may require.

SECT. 6. It shall be the duty of each class of Almoners during their term to visit, counsel and assist the recipients of this Fund, and to provide employment, if possible, for such as are capable, and permanent places for such orphan children as may be destitute of a home.

SECT. 7. The Almoners in granting relief, shall make a just discrimination between the widows, orphan children, mothers and sisters of deceased members of Lodges contributing to this Fund and similar relatives of deceased members of Lodges not so contributing.

SECT. 8. Should any Almoner fail to attend the meetings of his class for three successive weeks, without sending a sufficient written excuse for such absence, he shall be reported to the President of the Board, who shall forthwith report the facts to the R. W. Grand Master, if the delinquent represents the Grand Lodge or to the Worshipful Master of the subordinate Lodge he may represent and request the appointment of another Almoner to serve in his place the remainder of the year.

ARTICLE IX.

These By-laws may be extended, altered or revised, provided the same be proposed in writing at a stated meeting of the Board of Almoners and approved by a majority thereof at a subsequent stated meeting, and receive the sanction and approval of the Grand Lodge.

The foregoing are a true Copy of the Corrected By-laws of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund as the same passed at Extra Quarterly Communication held Phila., June 18th, 1855, A. L. 5855.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Grand Secretary was directed to have the foregoing printed and distributed to all the Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Brother Harmon Baugh read the following communication from Honesdale Lodge, No. 218, when on motion duly made and seconded, it was referred to the Grand Officers.

HONESDALE, Wayne County, Pennsa., Feb. 11, 1855.

To the Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Penna.

We the subscribers respectfully represent that we are members of Honesdale Lodge, No. 218, and that many of our number reside in the village of Hawley, ten miles from this place. That it is at some personal inconvenience and loss of time that those of us residing at Hawley attend the meetings of the Lodge. That owing to the nature of their employments some of them are at times unable to attend the meetings. We furthermore represent that several persons residing in and near Hawley are deterred from joining our Lodge in consequence of the time and money expended in attending our meetings.

We furthermore represent that if the Grand Lodge will grant us

the privilege of holding Special Meetings and conferring degrees at Hawley, our numbers and efficiency will be much increased, our Lodge will remain undivided and the Grand Lodge will retain one active Lodge at this place and vicinity instead of two more feeble and unimportant.

If the privilege herein requested is Granted by your R. W. Body we can easily arrange to our own satisfaction the number of our Special Meetings and the times of holding them.

We are respectfully and fraternally Yours, &c., William L. Stevens, W. M., James R. Keen, N. F. Marsh, Chas. H. Rodgers, Wm. Keen, Chas. Menner, James Nichols, H. B. Hayes, G. W. Hubbell, Jas. R. Dickson, W. N. Pindin, Abm. Winton, Chas. Peterson, R. Sangwin, Thos. Hamm, A. Griswold, &c.

On motion duly made and seconded, a number of Brethren were admitted during the evening as visitors.

The following resolution which passed by a report of the Committee on Landmarks June 4, 1855, after being slightly amended to read as follows was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that any Brother who has been suspended for non-payment of dues and is desirous of again connecting himself with the Lodge to which he formerly belonged, or any other he having previously paid his dues must apply by petition and be recommended by two Master Masons, members of the Lodge, which petition shall be referred to a committee of three M. M. neither of whom are recommenders and at a subsequent Stated Meeting having reported unanimously in favour of the petitioner a ballot shall be had and if receiving a unanimous vote he shall be declared elected.

The Grand Lodge then closed in peace at ¼ to 10 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, August 13th, 1855, A. L. 5855.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Grand Communication, held in the Hall South 3d St.

Present: Bro. JAMES HUTCHINSON, R. W. G. M. Bro. Peter Williamson, R. W. Dep. G. M. Bro. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. S. G. W. Bro. Joseph S. Riley, R. W. J. G. W. Bro. —— ——, (not filled,) R. W. Gr. Treas. Bro. William H. Adams, R. W. Gr. Sec. Bro. William H. Nichols, Dep. G. Sec. Bro. William H. Pearson, S. G. Deacon. Bro. John L. Goddard, J. G. Deacon. Bro. Isaac Wallace, G. Sword Bearer. Bro. William Leaih, G. Marshal. Bro. Charles Bard Reese and Bro. R. Sterling Wilson, G. Stewards. Bro. Jeremiah L. Hutchinson, G. Pursuivant. Bro. James Page, R. W. P. G. M.

Lodges Represented: No. 2. Bros. Mosely, Graham. No. 3, Thomson, English, Padmore. No. 9, McMullin, Kelly, Henderson, Crow, Booth, Leach, Brothers, Atkinson. No. 19, Nichols, Matthews. No. 25, Dungan, McBride. No. 51, Thomson. No. 52, Wilson, Pearson. No. 59, Adams, Taylor. No. 67, Baugh, Field, Reese, Jas. Hutchinson, Squibb,

Smith. No. 71, Jones, Frishmuth, Bambrey, Hancock, Hutchinson. No. 72, Phillips, Ashton, Brown, Thompson. No. 114, Sharp, Thomson, Huddell. No. 115, Parker, Wallis, Fulmer, McCloud, Phillips, Heimberger. No. 121, Lenning, Lee. No. 125, Ziegler. No. 126, Harper, Page. No. 130, Easby, Riley, Lescure, Brown, Strickland, Kirkpatrick. No. 131, Smith, Moore. No. 134, Goddard, Williamson, Roney, Stocker, Robbins, King. No. 155, Gower, Martin. No. 158, Shields. No. 186, Gaskill, Little, Smith, Brown, O'Farrell, Scattergood. No. 187, Parsons. No. 211, Cartwright, Page. No. 246, Hyneman. No. 271, Hart, Reinstein. No. 274, Goddard, Cowan, Horner. No. 289, Phillips. No. 295, Harper.

Proxies: William English, William Leach, Charles Brothers, William H. Pearson, Wm. H. Adams, Harman Baugh, James Hutchinson, Henry M. Phillips, John G. Sharp, Wm. W. Thomson, James Page, Peter Williamson, A. E. Stocker, R. P. King, James Shields, Leon Hyneman.

Forty-five Lodges represented, twenty-nine by members and sixteen by proxy.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at 35 minutes past 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master arose and stated that he had called the Grand Lodge together at this time for the purpose of receiving reports from the Building Committee and Committee on Furnishing the New Building. That he had understood that additional funds were necessary to be raised for the completion of the Building.

R. W. P. Grand Master, Bro. James Page, Chairman of the Building Committee, then read the following report, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania.

The Building Committee of the New Masonic Hall respectfully report,

That in addition to the sum of $100,000 originally appropriated for the erection and construction of the said New Hall a further appropriation of $25,000 will be necessary.

By exhibit A. attached to this report the amounts now paid, with the amounts that will be required and a comparison between the original estimates and the total cost will appear in detail. The original estimate was one hundred thousand dollars. Three important changes were subsequently made.

First. The stores were made fire proof by the construction of brick arches and trams in the whole building with iron pillars and braces deemed indispensable and a great improvement. This added

to the cost in iron work	$6,500 00
Blacksmith work	750 00
Bricklayers "	750 00
Total of	$8,000 00

Second. A corrugated iron roof was substituted in place of an ordinary tin roof excess of cost..... $2,500 00

Third. Glass floors to the stores under the sky lights giving light to the basement, this cost..... 1,600 00

Showing a total of cost on these items of.....$12,100 00

This sum added to the original estimate of $100,000 shows that the actual cost of the building when finished will exceed the estimate about $9471.44.

In the pursuance of their duties the Committee have been called on to pay the following sums which do not belong to construction account, to wit:

Party Wall	$2,083 55
Insurance	153 00
Horstman's damage	100 64
Coal	57 50
	$2,394 69

PHILADA., Aug. 14, 1855.

In behalf of the Building Committee.

JAMES PAGE, *Chairman.*

CONTRACTORS.	Amount Paid.	Amount Required.	Total.	Original Estimate.
Digging	$6,765.59	.....	$6,765.59	$7,000.00
Stone mason	1,670.79	.....	1,670.79	1,750.00
Granite	4,815.81	.....	4,815.81	4,200.00
Carpenter	21,219.94	$9,780.06	31,000.00	25,000.00
Extra fin. G. L. Room				Ex. 5,000.00
Bricklayer	14,510.63	450.00	14,960.63	15,000.00
Plasterer	4,400.00	1,100.00	5,500.00	5,000.00
Plumber	1,135.83	100.00	1,235.83	1,000.00
Gas Fitter	600.00	300.00	900.00	900.00
Painting and Glass	5,578.66	2,350.00	7,928.66	5,000.00
Front Brown Stone	14,450.00	6,350.00	20,800.00	20,000.00
Black Smith	1,100.00	1,000.00	2,100.00	1,200.00
IRON WORK.				
Roof	6,000.00			
Girders, Sills, &c	7,186.24	.....	13,686.24	2,500.00
Back Front	500.00			
EXTRAS.				
Total of Extras	$10,207.89			
Original Estimate	6,450.00			

CONTRACTORS.	Amount Paid.	Amount Required.	Total.	Original Estimate.
EXTRAS.—*Continued.*				
Galvanized Iron and Tin pipe	$1,702.15	$500.00		
Hoisting	203.37	.....		
Hauling	538.58	25.00		
Flagging	95.00	.....		
Permits	48.00	.....		
Measuring	110.85	150.00		
Labor, &c	600.00	100.00		
Architect	1,750.00	250.00		
Superintendent	1,590.00	125.00		
Unknown Items	.....	2,419.94		
	$96,571.44	$25,000.00		

Amount Paid	$96,571.44
Total	121,571.44
Amount Required	$25,000.00
Original Estimate	$100,000.00

The following report from the Committee on Furnishing was also read as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on Furnishing the New Hall beg leave to report, that immediately after their appointment they entered upon the execution of their duties so far as the progress of the building would warrant but it has only been within a short time past that most of the arrangements could be made. The Committee have been fully aware of the necessity of economy, but at the same time believing that it is the true policy as well as the wish of the Grand Lodge that all the furniture and decorations should be of the most durable and substantial character, they have endeavored to carry out the designs of the Architect, in such a manner that, while the whole finish of the building will do credit to the taste and judgement of the Grand Lodge, it will also stand the test of time and of use. The Lodge Rooms are painted in fresco and the question arose in Committee whether it was more to the interest of the Grand L. that it should be done now or wait until the finances are in a more flourishing condition, but the Committee unanimously decided that it was better to make a final completion of it now than have the Grand and subordinate Lodges interrupted hereafter with the dirt and confusion

of completing the work. The principal items of expense will be the fresco painting, furniture, carpets, chandeliers and furnaces and at the request of the R. W. G. M. the Committee have made a very careful estimate of the whole amount that will be required in the performance of their duties and find it to be about $28,000. The fresco painting is nearly finished, the furniture is ordered and in progress, the carpets are ready to be put down, the chandeliers are far advanced, the furnaces entirely completed and all the, &c., &c., so nearly ready that the Committee feel authorized in promising that all their duties will be accomplished at least ten days, before the time fixed for the dedication. For the gratification of their fellow Members of the Grand Lodge, the Committee decided on granting tickets of admission during the finishing of the Hall and they have already issued nearly 2600 tickets. While the demand for them, not only from the Members of the order, but the citizens in general, appears to have increased rather than diminished and this fact has convinced the Committee that great dissatisfaction will ensue unless the New Hall is thrown open for general inspection for a week or ten days before or after the dedication. Such being the case it has given the Committee great concern to determine how the concourse of people likely to avail themselves of this opportunity can be reduced into such a degree of order and regularity as not to deface or destroy the valuable furniture or decorations of the Hall. The Committee believe the best plan would be to charge an admission fee of about 25c. and in order that such a mode of procedure shall not partake of a sordid or mercenary character they suggest that the whole proceeds be given to charitable purposes, say one half to our own charity Fund and one half to the Union Benevolent or some other charitable association for the purpose of ascertaining the views of the Members of the G. L. they submit the following resolutions.

Resolved, (No. 1). That from and after this day until the 16th day of Sept. no person shall be admitted into the New Masonic Hall except the Members of the Committee connected therewith and workmen employed therein.

Resolved, (No. 2). That the Furnishing Committee are hereby authorized and directed to take such measures as they may deem necessary to open the New Hall to the inspection of the public from the 16th to the 26th of September at an admission fee of 25 cts.

Resolved, (No. 3). That the said Committee are directed to keep strict accounts of the money received for admission and after deducting the necessary expenses to divide the nett proceeds equally between the Union Benevolent association of this City and the Grand Lodge Charity Fund.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT P. KING, *Chairman.*

PHIL., Aug. 13, 1855.

Resolution No. 1 was called up and again read, when after considerable interchange of opinion as well several amendments which were lost, it was on motion of Bro. Joseph S. Riley, *Resolved*, that Resolution No. 1 be indefinitely postponed (carried).

Resolution No. 2 was also read again and on motion was indefinitely postponed.

Resolution No. 3 was also indefinitely postponed.

The following resolution was on motion duly made and seconded, adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that the Committee having in charge the sale of the Third Street Hall together with the R. W. Grand Master and Grand Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized to sell the same for the best price and upon the best terms that can be obtained therefor, on or before December next was the time fixed by Bro. Wm. English for the sale of the Hall So. 3d St.

On motion of Bro. Joseph S. Riley and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that a New Masonic Loan for fifty thousand dollars be and the same is hereby authorized and the amount or so much of it thereof as may be necessary for the payments of the debt due and becoming due on the New Masonic Hall Chestnut Street, to be called the Masonic Loan of 1855.

On motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was offered and adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that the Committee of Finance be directed to negotiate and take charge of the loan of fifty thousand dollars, authorized by the foregoing resolution.

Brother John G. Sharp asked for information in relation to the proceeds from the sale of the old material of the old Building Chestnut Street. Information not yet given.

Amendments to the By-laws of Phœnix Lodge, No. 130 and Franklin Lodge, No. 134, were read and adopted.

On motion duly made and seconded, the following named Brethren were admitted as visitors during the evening: Bros. Thos. D. Watson, Lodge No. 3; Peter T. Wright, Lodge No. 9; Caleb S. Wright, Lodge No. 19; Chas. H. Dungan, Lodge No. 25; George W. Zimmerman and Earnest Werner, Lodge No. 52; Israel Sallada, formerly of Lodge No. 62, of Reading; John Bolt, Lodge No. 67; Francis L. Levering, Lodge No. 71; Richard Brown, Lodge No. 72; Andrew C. Supplee, Lodge No. 115; James G. Stacey, Lodge No. 126; Mathias Stratton, Lodge No. 155; Gasper Marsel, Lodge No. 186.

The Grand Lodge then closed in peace at half past Nine o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 3rd, 1855, A. L. 5855.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Communication, held in the Hall South 3rd Street.

Present: Bro. JAMES HUTCHINSON, R. W. G. M. Bro. Peter Williamson, Dep. G. M. Bro. John K. Mitchell, R. W. S. G. W. Bro. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. J. G. W. Bro. Thomas E. Baxter, R. W. G. Treas. Bro. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec. Bro. William H. Nichols, Dep. G. Sec. Bro. Gustavus Remak, S. G. Deacon. Bro. Jacob Laudenslager, G. Marshal. Bro. William Carr, G. Sword Bearer. Bro. Charles Bard Reese and Bro. R. Stirling Wilson, G. Stewards. Bro. Horace L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant. Bro. Anthony Bournonville. William Whitney, Peter Fritz, R. W. Past Grand Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Bros. Blackburne, Moseley. No. 3, Thomson, English, Padmore. No. 9, Atkinson, Thorp, Leach. No. 19, Nichols, Griscom, Thomas, Wilson. No. 25, Benezet. No. 51, Whitney, Thomson, Howell, Evans. No. 52, Pearson, Smith, Wilson, Fitch. No. 59, Adams, Jayne, Davenport, Campbell, Latimer. No. 67, Hutchinson, Baugh, Reese, Squibb, Williams, Laudenslager, Van Osten. No. 71, Banbury, Bladen, Hutchinson, Golden, Frishmuth, No. 72, Fox, Ashton, Thompson, Kelly, Fulton, Phillips. No. 91, Perkins, Brown. No. 114, Thomson, Thompson, Huddell, Barter, Sharp, Krider. No. 115, Black, Heimberger, Shultz, Parker, Wallace. No. 121, Campbell, Peterson, Mitchell. No. 125, Bournonville, Remak. No. 126, Jackson. No. 130, Strickland, Riley, Lescure, Kilpatrick, Young. No. 131, Miller, Smith. No. 134, Roney, Stocker, Williamson. No. 155, Gowie, Allen, Fritz, Collins, Miller, Martin. No. 158, Shields, Reed, Whetherby. No. 186, Gaskill, Begley, O'Farrell, Russell, Smith, Scattergood, Little. No. 187, Parsons. No. 211, Dorlan, Cartwright. No. 230, Bunken. No. 245, Carr. No. 271, Reinstine, Brown, Hart, Jones. No. 274, Cowen, Goddard. No. 289, Phillips. No. 292, Eckles, Brooks. No. 295, Gilpin, Harper.

Proxies: Wm. English, Whitney, Brothers, Wilson, W. W. Thomson, Adams, Pearson, Remak, Bournonville, Bladen, Williamson, C. C. Williams, H. M. Phillips, F. Blackburne, H. Baugh, P. Fritz, Geo. Thomson, J. L. Hutchinson, Jno. G. Sharp, Jas. Hutchinson, Geo. Smith.

Fifty-four Lodges represented, thirty-three by members and twenty-one by proxies.

The Grand Lodge opened in ample form at ¼ past 7 o'clock, P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication held June 4, 1855, were read and adopted.

The minutes of the Extra Quarterly Communication held June 18th, 1855, were read and adopted.

The minutes of Extra Grand Communication held Aug. 13th, 1855, were read and adopted.

Copies of the By-laws of Lodges Number 91, 187 and 294 were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

At the request of Brother Joseph S. Riley and others the ordinary business was postponed in order to receive the following report from the Committee of Finance.

The Finance Committee beg leave to report, that they have endeavored to attend to the duty, so unexpectedly assigned to them, of taking charge of a New Loan of fifty thousand dollars, or so much of it as may be necessary to pay off the indebtedness arising from the erection and furnishing the New Hall. The negotiation of this loan is very difficult in so much as the whole ground has been gone over and the available means of the order swallowed up by the first or mortgage loan, which has been under charge of a previous Committee and this Committee therefore asks the indulgence and assistance of the Grand Lodge in the furtherance of such measures as they may deem necessary for the success of their exertions. One great difficulty in negotiating the New Loan is the fact that the property of the Grand Lodge is already pledged for the redemption of the first or mortgage loan, and though the New Loan is equally good for all the purposes of our own Lodges, yet their means being exhausted, when we now have to go into the market for money, the security which we have to offer are unavailable being simply the faith of the Grand Lodge, which though amply sufficient security for Lodges, whose very existence depends upon that of the Grand Lodge, yet is not tangible to the world at large. The Committee will therefore have to appeal to the subordinate Lodges to exchange their investments to a certain amount from the first to the second loan and from the answers already received, from such Lodges as have been applied to, the Committee have little or no doubt that this call will be readily responded to. In looking about for the ways and means the Committee ascertained that the Girard Trust had in their possession a considerable amount of funds, invested in good securities but which they did not like to sell, because the securities would not bring par, but in as much as the Girard Fund is really the fund of the Grand Lodge and changing the investment is only like transferring from one pocket to the other, this Committee has concluded to recommend to the Grand Lodge to permit the Finance Committee to exchange with the Trustees of the Girard Fund, Masonic Funds at par for such other securities at par as the two Committees may think proper the same reason which has governed the Trustees of the Girard Trust has also had great weight with subordinate Lodges in deterring them from selling securities which were good but would not bring par, in order to invest their surplus funds in our own Masonic loans and the question therefore arises, whether the union of interests between the Grand and subordinate Lodges is so intimate as to authorize the same course of procedure with them, as with the Girard Trust, the Committee would not decide, but have submitted a resolution to test the sense of the Grand Lodge on this subject. The Committee also find upon examination that the Grand Lodge owns ten thousand of the first loan, which they recommend shall be sold, and the proceeds applied in accordance with the resolutions attached. The sale of this Hall, will also put funds into the possession of the Grand Lodge and it may be

advisable to obtain a mortgage of $12 or $15,000 upon it previous to its being sold in order to raise a portion of the money at once and also to make the purchase more easy to the purchaser the adoption of these suggestions will have two good results. The first to make the negotiation of the loan possible and second, to reduce the amount required for our purposes to the lowest possible sum, and much below the specified sum of fifty thousand. The consideration of this subject has forced upon the attention of the Finance Committee the singular fact that no mode or plan has as yet been adopted by the Grand Lodge, to raise a Sinking Fund for the purpose of paying off the principal of their debts at an early day and for the purpose of arriving at the financial ability of the Grand Lodge, they have made an estimate of the receipts and expenditures of the Grand Lodge for the year 1856 which is supposed will be about as follows:

Gross receipts from all sources, thirty-two thousand dollars.

Regular expenditures of the Grand Lodge, seven thousand dollars.

Leaving twenty-five thousand dollars to apply to the payment of interest and principal of the loans, but, as it may not be good policy to make too near a calculation or tie up the hands of the Grand Lodge too closely, the Committee think that two-thirds of the receipts of the Grand Lodge should be religiously set apart, and pledged for the punctual payment of the interest and the early redemption of the principal of the Loan of this Grand Lodge.

With these remarks the Committee submit the annexed Resolutions for your consideration.

Signed, GEORGE SMITH, DANIEL THOMPSON,
FRANCIS BLACKBURNE, JOSEPH S. RILEY.

First resolution, that the Finance Committee be authorized to exchange with the Trustees of the Girard Fund, Masonic Loans at par for other good securities at par, and to such an amount as the two Committees may deem proper.

Second resolution, that the Finance Committee be authorized to exchange with any subordinate Lodge in this Jurisdiction, Masonic Loans at par for other good securities at par and to such an amount as the Finance Committee may deem necessary.

Third resolution, that the Finance Committee be authorized to dispose of the ten thousand dollars now held by the Grand Lodge in the first Masonic Loan.

Fourth resolution, that the Grand Officers and such other parties as are intrusted with the proper authority by this Grand Lodge, be empowered to execute a mortgage upon the Third Street property for such amount as the Finance Committee may require.

Fifth resolution, that the Finance Committee be authorized to sell such securities as may come into their possession by the action of the foregoing resolutions and so much of the New Loan as the pressing necessities of the Grand Lodge may require for the best market price and apply the proceeds towards paying off the indebtedness of

the Grand Lodge arising from the erection and furnishing of the New Hall.

Sixth resolution, that from and after Jan. first, 1856, it shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to set apart two-thirds of the receipts of this Grand Lodge, from whatever source they may arise and deposit the same at least twice in each month in a bank and in an account kept separate from the other funds of the Grand Lodge and no amount shall be drawn therefrom except by and with the consent of the R. W. Grand Master and the Finance Committee for the time being and for the purpose of paying the interest or principal of the Masonic loans or investment in a Sinking Fund with such intent.

First resolution called up again read and adopted.
Second resolution " " " " " "
Third resolution " " " " " "
Fourth resolution " " " " " "
Fifth resolution " " " " " "
Sixth resolution " " " " " "

The following report from the Committee appointed to fix the rents and so forth in the New Hall, Chestnut Street, was read as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Master and Members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee appointed in pursuance of the following resolution of the Grand Lodge passed at the Extra Quarterly Grand Communication held on the 18th of June, 1855, to wit:

Resolved, that a Committee of one from each Lodge meeting in this building be appointed to consider and report to the Grand Lodge, as early as possible, the amount of rent to be charged for the several rooms within the New Hall, Chestnut Street.

Respectfully report: that having visited the New Hall and examined the several rooms within the same and believing that it was the intention of the Grand Lodge, in their appointment, that all the apartments in the building should be valued by them except the stores on the first floor and having held several meetings of their Committee in which the matter referred to them was thoroughly discussed, they have fixed the following sums as the amount of rent to be charged for the several rooms enumerated and also made an estimate of the whole amount of income which might be obtained from the New Hall at the rates mentioned, to wit:

First. The Grand Lodge Room, ten dollars per night or $120 per annum. Supposing it may be occupied by 10 Lodges will give a rental of $1,200 per annum and for special meetings say..... $400

Second. The Blue Lodge Room $7 per night or..... 84
per annum, and supposing it may be occupied by 17 Lodges will give a rental per annum of..... 1,428
and for special meetings say..... 500

Third. There are two spacious front rooms on the second floor at

the east side of the building which have been called the Grand Officers' and Grand Secretary's Rooms and which are located in such a manner as not to interfere with the Order if rented for other purposes. These rooms the Committee believe can readily be rented for $400 each per annum say $800.

Fourth. The Grand Chapter Room and appendages $10 per night or $120 per annum. Supposing it may be occupied by 8 Chapters and Mark Lodges will give a rental per annum of.....$960
Special meetings say 100

Fifth. The Encampment Rooms and appendages $8 per night or $96 per annum, may be occupied by 3 Encampments which will give a rental per annum of.....$288

Sixth. The Banqueting Room. The Committee think that for the use of this spacious room for entertainments given on the annual meeting nights of the Lodges, the charge should be ten dollars for regular suppers or any other night five dollars and that for a cold collation there should be no charge.

Estimate revenue from this room in all per annum..... $500

Seventh. The Tyler's apartments are estimated to be worth per annum $250

Eighth. One large Committee Room entrance ½ story worth per annum $200

Ninth. Two medium sized Committee Rooms same story each $100 ..... $200

Tenth. One small Committee Room on the same story $50.. 50

Eleventh. Furniture closets for the use of these, which are 11 in number, by Lodges having table sets each per annum, $5..... $55

Making the total estimated value of all the rooms in the New Hall $6,931

All of which is respectfully submitted by order of the Committee.

Signed, PETER FRITZ, *Chairman.* JOSHUA SPEERING, *Sec.*

SEPT. 3, 1855.

After considerable interchange of opinion, the rent of the Grand Lodge Room was fixed at ten dollars per night or $120 per annum. The rent of the Blue Lodge Room was fixed at $7 per night or $84 per annum. Agreeably to the recommendation of the Committee, the rent of the Chapter and Mark Room was fixed at $8 per night or $96 per annum. The rent of the Encampment Room was fixed at $8 per night or $96 per annum. The proceeding with the report was suspended on account of the lateness of the hour until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Master, Bro. William Whitney, obtained permission to read a report of the Committee appointed in the case of Bro. —— —— and had proceeded in said report some considerable distance when a question arose on a point of order, which appearing to lead to a considerable debate, he with permission of the Grand Lodge withdrew the report for the present.

The R. W. Grand Master then arose and stated that he had appointed Brother George H. Ball of Towanda, Bradford County, Penna., a District Deputy Grand Master for the Counties of Bradford, Susquehanna, Wyoming and Tioga, in the place of Bro. Richard C. Simpson who had resigned.

Bro. Jacob Steiner, Grand Sword Bearer, in the place of Bro. Jacob Laudenslager who had been appointed Grand Marshal.

That in consequence of a change made in the Grand Lodge Charity Fund he would appoint Bros. William English, John Bradley, James Kelly, James W. Martien and John Thomson, Trustees.

Also Bros. Joseph S. Riley, George Smith, Washington Heimberger and John C. Smith, Almoners.

The following resolution was offered and adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that an entertainment, under the direction of a Committee of Brethren, be provided at the New Hall at which the Officers of other Grand Lodges be invited to attend and that all other Brethren desirous of partaking of said entertainment be admitted as subscribers on the payment of the sum of , but this is not understood from precluding any of the Brethren that may think proper to do so from ordering a separate refreshment, wherever they may think proper.

On motion the first blank was filled with the number of five.

Upon the question being asked it was stated by the mover that no part of the expense of such banquet shall be defrayed by this Grand Lodge.

The R. Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bros. Horace L. Peterson, John Thomson, Edward Robbins, Gustavus Remak, Jeremiah L. Hutchinson, on the foregoing Committee on Banquet.

The Grand Lodge then closed in peace at 10 Minutes to Eleven o'clock, P. M. WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, September 17, 1855, A. L. 5855.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication, held in the Hall So. 3rd St.

Present: Bro. JAMES HUTCHINSON, R. W. G. Master. Bro. Peter Williamson, R. W. Dep. G. M. Bro. John Mitchell, R. W. S. G. W. Bro. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. J. G. W. Bro. Thomas E. Baxter, R. W. G. Treas. Bro. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec. Bro. William H. Nichols, Dep. G. Sec. Bro. Gustavus Remak, S. G. Deacon. Bro. Samuel C. Perkins, J. G. Deacon, p. t. Bro. Jacob Laudenslager, G. Marshal, p. t. Bro. William Leach, G. Sword Bearer, p. t. Bro. C. Bard Reese and Bro. John G. Sharp, G. Stewards. Bro. Edward Strickland, G. Pursuivant. Bro. John Chambers, G. Chaplain. Bro. Anthony Bournonville, Peter Fritz and W. Whitney, P. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Blackburne, Graham, Gumple, Oats, Moseley. No. 3, Padmore, Thomson, Ashton, King, Sites, Helverson, Bilger. No. 9, Leach, Crow, Booth, Henderson, Brothers, Kelly,

Cropley. No. 19, Karrick, Bradley, Nichols, Thomas, Griscom. No. 25, Benezet. No. 45, Adair. No. 51, Bouvier, Thomson, Evans, Howell, Whitney. No. 52, Fitch, Frazer, Wilson, Smith, Wood, James. No. 59, Campbell, Davenport, Adams, Taylor, Jayne, Macpherson. No. 67, Baugh, Bispham, Smith, Reese, J. and J. Hutchinson, Simpson, Laudenslager. No. 71, Frishmuth, Bladen, Kauffman, Hancock, Piersol. No. 72, Kelly, Phillips, Brown, Squibb. No. 91, Brown, Badger Hart, Casey, S. C. Perkins, Hinchman. No. 114, Thomson, Sharp, Harmer, Hinckle, Spackman, Baxter, Huddell. No. 115, Heimberger, Willis, Heyl, Black, Fulmer, Taylor. No. 121, Mitchell, Lennig, Leviestien, Mott. No. 125, Osner, Remak, Bournonville, Steiner, Scheide, Maag, Ziegler, Kinsell. No. 126, Wetham. No. 130, Young, Strickland, Kirkpatrick, Riley, Easby, Piper. No. 131, Matlack, Mellor, Moore, Smith. No. 134, Roney, Williamson, Robbins, Goddard, Stocker. No. 155, Fritz, Laws, Allen, Gowie, Collins, Bowen, Martin, Miller, Bradford, Laws. No. 158, Oliver, McKinley, Baird, Wetherby. No. 186, Brown, Little, O'Farrell, Horner, Hufty, Scattergood, Bickley. No. 187, Albertson, Hahn, Wilkinson. No. 197, Porter. No. 211, Hull, Dorlan, Knight, Cartwright. No. 228, Baugh. No. 230, Benkun, Graeff. No. 245, Carr. No. 246, L. Hyneman. No. 271, Rienstien, Hart, Brown, Mayer. No. 274, Cowan, Goddard. No. 289, Gwyn, Phillips. No. 292, Eckels. No. 295, Gilpin, Yerkes, Harper.

Proxies: Wm. Whitney, Chas. Brothers, Wm. W. Thomson, Wm. H. Adams, Wm. H. Pearson, Anthony Bournonville, Gustavus Remak, Wash. L. Bladen, Peter Williamson, Jas. Simpson, Henry M. Phillips, F. Blackburne, Harman Baugh, Peter Fritz, Geo. Thomson, James Page.

Fifty-one Lodges represented, thirty-six by members and fifteen by proxies.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at 7¼ o'clock P. M.

The report of the Committee on Rent of Rooms in the New Hall was resumed.

Section VI. The Banqueting Room was read and on motion was adopted.

Sections VII. Tyler's Apartments, 8, 9, and 10th Committee Rooms were read and passed over.

Section XI., Furniture Closets. Those using these were to be charged five dollars per annum which was agreed to.

Section III. Relating to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary's Rooms was called up and read. On motion of Bro. John K. Mitchell and duly seconded, it was resolved, that the two rooms mentioned in this section shall not be rented for any purpose, but for that for which they were built (namely the Grand Master and Grand Secretary's use), that none of the upper part of the Hall shall be rented for any other use than for Masonic purposes.

The report was then taken up and adopted.

On motion of Bro. Gustavus Remak and duly seconded, the following resolution was offered when after several amendments and

considerable discussion it was ordered to lie on the table, to wit: by a vote of 77 to 35.

Resolved, that the R. Worshipful Grand Master be requested to issue tickets for the admission of visitors to the New Hall and that only such and no others be received at the entrance of the Hall.

The following preamble and resolutions were read and adopted, to wit:

WHEREAS, the Grand Tyler will require a proper opportunity to move the furniture of this Grand Lodge and of the different subordinate Lodges Meeting in this Hall therefore be it *Resolved*, that the different Lodges Meeting from the 20th of September to the 5th day of October be requested to issue notices by post, or are hereby authorized to advertize the place and time of meeting in the public papers.

Resolved, that the Hall Committee be directed not to let the rooms for special meetings within the said date.

Bro. Gustavus Remak offered the following resolution which after considerable discussion and several amendments being put and defeated; it was on motion of Bro. John C. Smith indefinitely postponed, to wit:

Resolved, that the Building Committee be directed to light up the New Hall Wednesday Evening next and permit the members of the Grand Lodge to view the inside of the building.

On motion of Brother Joseph S. Riley and duly seconded, the following was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that the sum of one hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated to the use of the Committee of Finance for the incidental expenses of said Committee and to be drawn for under the usual restrictions.

The following report was read, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee to which was referred the subject of the difficulties in the Grand Lodge of New York, respectfully report, that having met and organized the matter was held under consideration, it appearing by the documents before them, that a prior committee had examined the whole subject and reported the result of their deliberations to the Grand Lodge, accompanied by resolutions attached to their report directly meeting the point at issue, which resolutions were rejected by the Grand Lodge, after full discussion, the Committee deem it unnecessary further to agitate the question, they therefore recommend the adoption of the resolution subjoined.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient for the Grand Lodge to take any further action in premises.

Signed, JAMES PAGE, BAYSE NEWCOMB,
D. C. SKERRITT, JOHN THOMSON,
SEPT. 3, 1855. *Committee.*

After an interchange of opinion action on the foregoing report was postponed until the next Communication of the Grand Lodge.

A special communication received from Lodge No. 9, ordered to be entered and the communication filed.

A special communication was read from Lodge No. 45, at Pittsburg, on motion duly made and seconded, the said communication was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A special communication was read from Lodge No. 75, at Phœnixville, Pa., was ordered to be entered and filed.

A special communication from Solomon's Lodge, No. 114, on motion orderd to be entered and filed.

Also a special communication from Lodge No. 130.

A communication from Lodge No. 155 in relation to the adoption of the By-laws of the Charity Fund as passed by the Grand Lodge and a request that the Fund might be called the Masonic Charity Fund and not Grand Lodge Charity Fund; which was on motion ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 186, ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 158, ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 187 asking for a second ballot, on motion was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

Special communication was read from Lodge No. 218, ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 226, which was on motion referred to a special Committee, R. W. G. M. appointed Bros. D. C. Skerritt, D. M. Fox and Edward Strickland.

A special communication was read from Lodge No. 242, ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 282, ordered to be entered and filed.

A special communication was read from Lodge No. 294, on motion the said communication was ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from —— —— appealing from an unfavourable rejection in Lodge No. 115, which was on motion ordered to be laid on the table.

An application to annul the grant of a Warrant to a number of Brethren in Huntingdon County; also an application for a new Warrant at same place was read and on motion both subjects were referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A circular petition was read asking subscriptions to a new Masonic work. On motion was referred to a special Committee.

The following report was read adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The undersigned a Committee to which was referred the application of Lodge No. 187 to take another ballot in the case of Mr.

—— —— who had been rejected in said Lodge. Also upon the petition of Lodge No. 283 for permission to take another ballot on —— ——, an applicant to said Lodge who had been also rejected.

The Committee carefully considered the matter referred to them and unanimously adopted the following, to wit:

Resolved, that in the absence of any reason given for a new ballot in the cases of —— —— and —— ——, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

The following report was read and resolution attached thereto was adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pa.

The undersigned a Committee to whom was referred the petition for permission to hold the Meetings of Lodge No. 218 alternately at Honesdale and Hawley, Wayne County, Penna.

Respectfully report, that after carefully considering the matter the Committee came to the unanimous conclusion that it would be inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioners.

Respectfully submitted.

Signed, by the Grand Officers.

The following report from the Committee on By-laws was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report, that they have examined the several By-laws submitted to them, and recommend

That from Section 3rd Article VI of the By-laws of Lodge No. 91 that the word "forthwith" be stricken out and the words "after he has been duly notified of the proposed action of the Lodge thereon," be substituted therefor. That from Article X of said By-laws all after the words "regular Lodge" be stricken out. That from Art. XV the words "two thirds" be stricken out and the words "a majority" substituted. That from No. 3 of the Rules of Order the words "unless otherwise provided by the By-laws" be stricken out. That to said Rules of Order be added, "These Rules may be dispensed with by the W. M. when he shall see occasion so to do," and that said By-laws be then approved.

That the amendments to the By-laws of Lodge No. 187 be approved.

That from Section 2, Art. II of the By-laws of Lodge No. 294 all after the word "annually" be stricken out and the words "and shall be conducted in accordance with the directions given in the Ahiman Rezon for the election of Officers in the Grand Lodge" be substituted. That to Article IX of the said By-laws be added Section 4, Fees for conferring Degrees and Membership shall in all cases be paid in advance, that this Lodge be recommended to increase their monthly dues from 12½c. to 25c. that after the words "purpose" in Article X the following be inserted, "and he has received due notice of the pro-

posed action of the Lodge thereon," that the word "shall" in same article be changed to "may." That to the Rules of Order be added 13th. "These Rules may be dispensed with by the W. M. when he shall see fit so to do" and that said By-laws be then approved.

Respectfully submitted. Signed by the Committee on By-laws.

The following report was read and the annexed resolution was adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee to whom was referred the appeal of —— —— from the action of Kittanning Lodge, No. 244, for having indefinitely suspending him from Membership and all the privileges of Masonry have attended to the duty assigned them and now beg leave to submit the following report:

Your Committee have obtained from the Secretary of Kittanning Lodge a certified copy of all their proceedings in relation to the charges preferred against —— ——, the evidence produced before the Committee to whom the charges were referred with a copy of their report, and the final action of the Lodge suspending him by an almost unanimous vote as well as a number of original letters addressed by —— —— to the Committee couched in language anything but a true Masonic spirit.

It appears from the documents that the charges preferred against —— —— were presented and read in the Lodge at their Meeting Oct. 19, 1853 and a notice of the same given to him to appear before the Lodge at their meeting in November, the case was continued to Feb. 15, 1854, when the Lodge appointed a Committee of three to hear testimony in the case and to notify —— —— of the same which was done.

The report of said committee was acted upon May 5, 1854. Bros. Hoon, D. D. G. M., and P. G. M. McKinley, were present. Bro. McK. in the chair, the case was called up and the following resolution was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that the charges against —— —— are fully made out by the testimony produced and that he be indefinitely suspended from all the privileges of Masonry. "After recapitulating how lenient the Lodge No. 244 had acted in the matter and copying a considerable portion of the correspondence on the occasion" the Committee concludes with the following resolutions, to wit:

Resolved, that the action of Kittanning Lodge, No. 244, in suspending —— —— from Membership at their meeting in May, 1854, be and the same is hereby approved by this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM WHITNEY. JAMES B. BAGGS. D. M. FOX, *Committee.*

The following communications and Report was read, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. —— —— from a vote of expulsion by Lodge No. 3 Beg leave to report, At their meeting held at the Masonic Hall on the evening of the 29th of June, 1855, they were attended by the officers of Lodge No. 3 and by —— —— in person. The only entry appearing on the Minute Book of Lodge No. 3 having referred to the expulsion of Bro. —— is that of Dec. 19, 1854, and reads as follows: Bros. —— —— and —— —— were respectively unanimously expelled for unmasonic conduct. No charges appear to have been previously preferred or entered on the Minutes of the Lodge nor any notice given to —— —— of his contemplated expulsion. The officers of Lodge No. 3 In fact frankly admitted that the action of Lodge No. 3 in this behalf was irregular and erroneous. Your Committee is therefore of opinion that the action of Lodge No. 3 should be reversed and recommend the adoption of the annexed resolutions.

Resolved, that the action of Lodge No. 3 in expelling —— —— on Dec. 19, 1854, was against Masonic usage and is hereby reversed.

Resolved, that Lodge No. 3 is hereby directed to restore —— —— to his former standing in the Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GUSTAVUS REMAK, MATHEW CARTWRIGHT, JAMES SHIELDS,
Committee.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept, 3, 1855.

Communication from Lodge No. 3, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

BRETHREN. In compliance with the instruction and direction of Lodge No. 3, Ancient York Masons, I have the honour to submit to your kind and friendly consideration the following frank and candid statement respecting the error in the Minutes and in the annual return wherein it appears Bro. —— —— was expelled for unmasonic conduct instead of recording and returning him suspended for non-payment of dues. The Lodge at its Stated Meeting in December last had a large number of members in attendance who kept the Sec. busily engaged in receiving their dues. During that period the assistant Sec, was engaged in recording the proceedings of the Lodge and inadvertently and accidentally misunderstood the question before the Lodge in the matter of Bro. —— —— and consequently recorded him expelled for unmasonic conduct, instead of recording him suspended for non-payment of dues. Brother —— —— having been expelled on the same evening doubtless led him into the error herein above stated. The Lodge when informed of the foregoing error at its last Stated Meeting made the following resolve, to wit:

Resolved, that the Secretary be and he is hereby ordered and directed to inform the R. W. Grand Lodge of the clerical error prevail-

ing in the Minutes and return of the Lodge in the matter of Bro. —— —— wherein it appears the said Bro. was expelled for unmasonic conduct instead of recording and returning him suspended for non-payment of dues and to ask the favour of correcting the minutes and amending the return in accordance with the true action of the Lodge in the above mentioned case which privilege is respectfully prayed for and to have all proceedings stayed in the matter of Bro. ——'s appeal until the required correction and amendments shall have been made.

Extract from the Minutes.

WILLIAM M. MARTIN, *Secretary.*

PHILA., Augt. 31, 1855.

Bro. William English, the acting W. M. in Lodge No. 3 on the night alluded to in the foregoing communications, being necessarily absent in Baltimore sent the following communication which was also read at length, to wit:

PHILADA., Sept. 17, 1855.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pa.

It being probable that the report of the Committee on the appeal of Bro. —— —— will come up for action this evening and as I am constrained to be absent from the city I ask the indulgence of the R. W. Grand Lodge to make this written statement of the transaction as it occurred. At the meeting of Lodge No. 3 held in Dec. last there being a large amount of business I was requested by the W. M. to take the chair. The Secretary amongst other business was directed to read the names of delinquent Members, the Ast. Sec. being engaged in recording the action of the Lodge in each case as it was disposed of agreeably to the By-laws. When —— —— was announced as being one year and upwards in arrears a motion was made that he be *expelled for the non-payment of dues*, one of the Past Masters of the Lodge rose in his place whilst the question was pending and remarked that Bro. —— *could* be expelled for *unmasonic conduct.* Some conversation ensued on this point when I stated that a motion to expel for *unmasonic conduct* could not be entertained as in such cases a charge must be preferred and a regular trial gone into. I suggested however that expulsion for non-payment of dues would be equally effective. The motion for that purpose was then put and unanimously adopted. But the Ast. Sec. being perhaps confused by the noise from the street and the conversation relative to unmasonic conduct, recorded the action of the Lodge as being an expulsion for unmasonic conduct, instead of for non-payment of dues. The first intimation I had of this error was from —— —— himself on the Jan. meeting night of Keystone Chapter. Bro —— had sent in his name and was refused admittance on account of his expulsion from Lodge No. 3. He then enquired of the R. W. G. Sec. as to the cause of his expulsion and by reference to the returns of that Lodge made up to

the St. John's Day previous it was found to be as above stated. All this he related to me on the evening referred to and stated his design to appeal to the Grand Lodge. The error in the Minutes would have been corrected at the subsequent January meeting of the Lodge but for the fact that the returns embodying the same error had already been sent to the G. Sec. and we doubted our right to recall them without permission from the Grand Lodge, no regular communication of which would be held until the following March. At the regular Communication of the Grand Lodge, in March last, —— —— made his appeal which was referred to a Committee. The report of that Committee was made at the communication held two weeks since and is as I am informed by the Chairman in favour of the restoration of —— to membership. I am aware that the Committee from the shewing of the record could come to no other conclusion but as the record itself is incorrect, I would most respectfully suggest that no offense would be given to the Committee, nor injustice done to any party by laying the report on the table and allowing Lodge No. 3 to correct its Minutes and also the returns made to the Grand Secretary which were based thereon. It may be asked why the Lodge did not make application for this privilege at an earlier day, or immediately after discovering the error. To this I reply that the error was first made known through the appellant at the January meeting of the Lodge and then the returns had been sent in and there was no regular communication of the Grand Lodge between that period and the following March, at which time the appeal was made and referred to the Committee. To have asked the privilege *then* would have obviously been indelicate and might have been construed into an attempt to forestall the action of the Committee, we therefore preferred waiting until the Committee made their report and the whole subject thereby be brought before the Grand Lodge upon its merits. In my judgment it is right and proper that the record or Minutes of the Lodge should be a literal transcript of its transactions and that it is the duty of the Grand Lodge even to compel a correction of any error or mistake. Therefore it would be in the strict line of Masonic usage to grant to Lodge No. 3 the privilege prayed for as set forth in her petition and under her seal. As the presiding officer on the occasion when this transaction took place and perfectly familiar with all its details I feel myself bound in justice to the Lodge to make this statement, for the corroboration of which I can refer to the present Master and Junior Warden of the Lodge and to Past Masters, Bro. Wm. King, George Thomson and others who were present.

Respectfully and fraternally yours, &c.,

WILLIAM ENGLISH, *Past Master Lodge No. 3.*

The foregoing report and communications elicited considerable discussion, and amendments to refer the whole matter to a Commit-

tee, to recommit to same committee, also to postpone the action on the report. The resolution to recommit was not agreed to and the amendments offered were withdrawn. When the original resolutions were called up and both agreed to as follows, to wit:

Resolved, that the action of Lodge No. 3 in expelling Bro. —— —— on Dec. 19, 1854, was against Masonic usage and is hereby reversed.

Resolved, that Lodge No. 3 is hereby directed to restore Bro. —— —— to his former standing in the Lodge.

On motion duly made and seconded the following named Brethren were admitted as visitors during the evening: Bros. Wm. Pelletier, Lodge No. 2; Jno. T. Benezett, Franklin Lodge, No. 6, Apalachicola, Florida; Wm. Ellis, Sam'l Kirkpatrick, No. 19; John Bolt, No. 67; Jas. C. Laird, No. 91; Matthias Stratton, No. 155; Jno. McPherson, No. 186; John Haley, No. 187; Lewis Goldsmith, No. 234; Abm. Goldsmith, No. 271; John R. Selkirk, No. 289.

No further business the Grand Lodge closed in peace at Eleven o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, November 5, 1855, A. L. 5855.

Grand Lodge of Penna. Extra Grand Communication, held in New Hall, Chestnut St.

Present: BRO. JAMES HUTCHINSON, R. W. Grand Master. Bro. Peter Williamson, R. W. D. G. M. Bro. John K. Mitchell, R. W. Sr. G. W. Bro. Henry W. Phillips, R. W. Jr. G. W. Bro. Thos. E. Baxter, R. W. G. Treas. Bro. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty. Bro. Wm. H. Nicols, Dep. G. Secty. Bro. Gustavus Remak, Sr. G. D. Bro. Richard Vaux, Jr. G. D. Bro. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. Bro. John G. Goddard, G. S. Bearer. Bros. Chas. B. Reese and Jno. Bradley, G. Stewards. Bro. H. L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant. Bros. Wm. Barger, Anthy. Bournonville, James Page, Wm. W. Whitney and Peter Fritz, P. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Mosely, Tallman. No. 3, Padmore, English, Martin, Carter, Colladay, Thomson, Ashton. No. 9, Atkinson, Kelly, Leach, Booth, Crow, Brothers. No. 19, Haswell, Cummings, Adair, Karrick, Nichols, Himes, Thornley. No. 25, Benezett, Kinsey, Gilkinson, Scott. No. 51, Thomson, Whitney, Weir, Howell, Evans. No. 52, Fitch, Smith, Ferguson, Wilson, Pearson. No. 59, Adams, Taylor, Macpherson, Davenport. No. 67, Baugh, Hutchinson (2), Reese, Conrad, Loudenslager, Bispham, Squibb, Smith, Griffith. No. 71, Kauffman, Bambury. No. 72, West, Spering, Chase, Brown, Phillips, Ashton, Fox, Barger, Thompson. No. 91, Sleeper, Casey, Perkins, Badger, Hinchman, Swain. No. 114, Thomson, Sharp, Baxter, Thompson, Huddell. No. 115, Heimburger, Wallace, McCloud, Parker. No. 121, Vaux, Lennig, See, Mitchell, Peterson. No. 125, Bournonville, Maag, Muckle, Remak, Osner. No. 126, Page, Nesbit, Harper. No. 130,

Young, Riley, Chandler, Lescure. No. 131, Moore, Smith. No. 135, Hyneman, Evans. No. 155, Bacon, Collins, Allen, Martin, Fritz, Ruan. No. 158, Shields, Oliver, Weatherby. No. 186, Smith, Ziegler, Little, O'Farrell, Hufty, Russell. No. 187, Purvis, Parsons, Loeser. No. 197, Porter. No. 211, Cartwright, Dorlan, Page, Crockett. No. 228, Baugh. No. 230, Taylor, Graeff. No. 246, Ramsey, Hyneman, Sager. No. 260, Blumenthal. No. 271, Rienstein. No. 274, Goddard, Cowan. No. 289, Gwyn, Loughead, Phillips. No. 295, Harper, Gilpin, Yerkes.

Proxies: Bros. Wm. English, Wm. Whitney, Chas. Brothers, W. W. Thomson, Wm. H. Adams, Wm. H. Pearson, Gus. Remak, P. Williamson, Wm. Barger, H. M. Phillips, Harman Baugh, Geo. Thomson, James Page, Leon Hyneman, Jno. G. Sharp, Geo. D. Haswell, G. P. Cummings, C. E. Blumenthal, Jno. S. Bugh, Jas. Hutchinson, Geo. Smith, Jas. Ferguson.

Fifty-seven Lodges represented, thirty-five by members and twenty-two by proxy.

The R. W. G. Master stated the object of calling the Grand Lodge together was to take up and finish if possible a number of items of unfinished business.

The Grand Secretary then proceeded as follows:

Special communications from the following Lodges were read and on motion ordered to be entered and filed. Nos. 52, 121, 126, 211, and 274.

From Lodge No. 230, stating that the Lodge had removed her place of meeting to the corner of Richmond and Cumberland Streets, Richmond.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 291, Held at Scranton, Luzerne County, Pa., appointing Bro. Paul B. Goddard Proxy for said Lodge. On motion duly made and seconded, the communication was received and filed and Bro. Paul B. Goddard acknowledged as Proxy for said Lodge.

Copies of the By-laws of Lodges Nos. 156, 218, 243 and 288 were received and on motion were referred to the Committee on By-laws.

A special communication was received from Lodge No. 216. After considerable interchange of opinions it was resolved to send the communications back to Lodge No. 216 with directions to forward to the Grand Lodge all the facts in the case.

An appeal by Brother —— —— from a vote of suspension by Lodge No. 288 was read and on motion was referred to a special Committee.

The R. W. G. Master was pleased to appoint Bros. John L. Goddard, John M. Davenport and George P. Little said Committee.

The following report was read and adopted, to wit:

PHIL., Sept. 17, 1855.

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Penna.

The Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund in closing the Trust committed to their charge and transferring its effects to the

new Trustees appointed under the By-laws adopted by the Grand Lodge June 18, 1855 and to succeed them on the first of October next, beg leave to submit the following report of their transactions from the date of their last report Dec. 4, 1854, to the 15, Instant, to wit:

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE.

Amount appropriated for charity by G. Lodge Dec. 4, 1854..	$558 61
Amount distributed to 31 petitioners in 10½ months.....	340 00
Balance for distribution for the remainder of the Masonic year	218 61

STATEMENT No. 2.—*Account of the Treasurer.*

Dr. Dec. 4, 1854, to balance in hand		$258 61
Interest received on sundry investments.....		123 07
Surplus over investments made paid him.....		46 69
Donation from Mark Lodge No. 91		50 00
Making a total of.....		$478 37
CR.		
By Cash paid Charity to 31 Petitioners	$340 00	
By do. on account of investments.....	16 90	
" do. paid for blank book.....	1 00	
Making		357 90
Balance hand of Treas. this date		$120 47

STATEMENT No. 3.

Available means of the Fund at this date to be transferred to the new Board of Trustees Oct. 1st ensuing is as follows:

127 shares New Masonic Loan at $50 per share is.....	$6,350 00
Mortgage on Germantown Lot due the 19th inst.....	3,200 00
Interest on said mortgage due the 19th inst. 6 mos. is.....	96 00
Balance in hand of Treas.....	120 47
Total Fund	$9,766 47

At the date of their last report Dec. 4, 1854, the available means of the Fund consisted of 100 shares Masonic Loan, the mortgage above mentioned, the Ground Rent at Chester, $700 in 5 per cent. Southwark Loan and sundry sums due for interest. Since that period the Board have sold the Ground Rent at Chester for par price. The Southwark 5 per cent. (through the kindness of Bro. P. R. Howard) who charged no commission at 80 per cent. and invested the proceeds of both sales together with the sums received for interest in 27 additional shares of the New Masonic Loan making the number of shares now held as above stated.

By the arrangement made the funds of the Trust are now brought within the immediate control of the Trustees under direction from the Grand Lodge and will yield an annual interest at 6 per cent. of $585.98. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed by William English on behalf Trustees Grand Lodge Charity Fund.

On motion duly made and seconded, the following resolutions were adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that the Trustees of the present Grand Lodge Charity Fund be and they are hereby directed to transfer and deliver up to the Trustees of the new Grand Lodge Charity Fund to be appointed under the By-laws regulating said Fund, adopted by this R. W. G. L. on the 11th of June last, all books, papers, moneys, certificates of loan, mortgages or other property in their possession or under their control on or before the first day of October.

Resolved, that the sum of one hundred and eighty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to said G. Lodge Charity Fund in accordance with the provisions of the third article of the By-laws above referred to, and that the R. W. Grand Master draw his warrant on the Grand Treasurer for such portion of this appropriation as may be required by the Trustees for distribution, during any one of the quarterly terms commencing on the first day of October.

The following report was read, received and ordered to be filed, to wit:—

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Penna.

The Trustees of the New Masonic Loan respectfully report, that by virtue of sundry resolutions of the R. W. G. Lodge a loan of one hundred and ten thousand dollars was authorized to be raised for the purpose of erecting the New Masonic Temple in Chestnut Street, West of 7th Street in the City of Phila. and to pay the balance of the old Masonic Loan, amounting to about ten thousand dollars. The elective Trustees, to wit: Bros. David Jayne, P. R. Howard, William English, Henry Simons and William Badger together with the Grand Officers, who constitute the Board of Trustees under the resolution of the Grand Lodge, agreeably to their instructions caused the necessary securities to be prepared, Subscription Book to be opened and notice given and have now the pleasure of submitting to the Grand Lodge the gratifying intelligence that the whole amount of the loan has been taken and that the books are now closed. The Trustees have extinguished and satisfied the old Masonic Loan and applied the remainder of their Fund towards the erection of the New Temple. The necessary exhibits containing a tabular statement of their receipts and expenditures shewing the condition of their Trust will be hereafter submitted to the R. W. G. Lodge when the accounts of their Treasurer shall have been duly audited.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

PHIL., Sept. 3, 1855. WILLIAM BADGER, *Chairman.*

The following report was received and the Committee discharged, to wit:

PHILADA., June 4, 1855.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Penna.

BRETHREN, The Committee to whom was referred the appeal of Hannah Sarber of Allegheny County, Pa., beg leave respectfully to report. That after considerable correspondence with Bro. James S. Hoon, of Pittsburg, they have been unable to gather any satisfactory information and would therefore respectfully ask that they shall be released from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully and fraternally,

HENRY C. HOWELL, ROBERT CLARK and DANIEL THOMPSON,
Committee.

The following communication from the Hall Committee was read and the proceedings therein stated confirmed, to wit:

To the R. W. G. Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge.

We the undersigned beg leave to report that in consequence of the extra duties to be performed by the Grand Tyler we have been obliged to employ an assistant. And we have employed Bro. William A. Bradshaw a member of Lodge No. 155. He has agreed to assist and superintend the cleaning of the Hall, attend to the furnaces and make fires in stoves, &c., and in the absence of the Tyler to act as Janitor and we have agreed for his services to pay him the amount at the rate of four hundred and fifty dollars per annum subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge of Penns.

HARMAN BAUGH, WASHINGTON HEIMBERGER, A. B. ASHTON,
Hall Committee.

NOV. 5, 1855.

On motion of Bro. Joseph S. Riley the Hall Committee was requested to have a table placed in the Grand Lodge Room for the use of the members.

Bro. Gustavus Remak made a verbal report from the Committee on renting stores in the new building, Chestnut Street. When Bro. Washington Heimberger from the same Committee moved that the Committee to rent stores, &c., be continued with power to collect the rents for the same and make payment over to the Grand Treasurer. The Chairman of said Committee Bro. James Shields being absent the whole subject was postponed.

Brother William English arose and made a brief statement in reference to the action taken by the Grand Lodge at the last Communication in relation to Bro. —— —— and Lodge No. 3. Bro. John C. Smith moved a reconsideration he having voted in the affirmative. Which was adopted. The Grand Secretary then read the whole of the proceedings and the resolutions attached. When after a long discussion and a free interchange of opinion the original action of the Grand Lodge was sustained and Bro. —— —— restored to his former membership in Lodge No. 3.

Bro. Richard Vaux presented and read the following communication. Which was on motion referred to a special Committee of three to take the matter into consideration and report to the Grand Lodge.

PHILADA., Sept. 3rd, 1855.

To the R. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The undersigned on behalf of the Board of Managers of the Mount Moriah Cemetery respectfully present to your consideration the following resolution unanimously adopted at the last meeting of the Board:

Resolved, that the President and Secretary of this Association be directed to tender to the Right Worshipful Grand Master, the Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Penna. and ask their acceptance of the circular Lot of Ground situate within the large western circle of the cemetery containing about four thousand eight hundred square feet. (Note by the Sec. G. L. "Subsequently on a visit "with the G. M. and Dep. G. M. and several other Brethren it was "represented the number of feet above spoken of was an error, "said circle was represented to contain at least twenty thousand "feet") for the use of and to be dedicated by the Grand Lodge as a Masonic Cemetery.

All of which is very respectfully submitted.

R. P. KING, *Pres.*
GEORGE CONWELL, *Sec.*

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bros. Richard Vaux, Joseph Moore and Adam Maag the Committee on the foregoing.

The following resolution was presented by Bro. Charles E. Blumenthal, and not agreed to one or two only appearing to vote for it.

Resolved, that this Grand Lodge rescind any resolution which may have been passed recognizing any body holding degrees other than those in the Blue Lodge and Chapter as under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

R. W. Past Grand Master, Bro. Anthony Bournonville, moved that the subject in relation to the New York difficulties be now taken up.

At the suggestion of a number of the Brethren on account of the lateness of the evening and the subject being one of great importance it was agreed to postpone the whole subject over until the first Monday evening in January next. It was so postponed.

Considerable discussion took place on the propriety of having newly framed and placed on the South Wall of the Grand Lodge Room the Portraits of Bros. Washington and Girard, the propriety of placing Bro. Washington's Apron in the rear of the R. W. G. Master's chair was also discussed. It was finally agreed to refer the whole matter to the R. W. G. Officers with power to act.

On motion duly made and seconded, a number of Brethren were admitted as visitors during the evening.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at ¼ to 10 o'c., P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADA., Dec. 3, 1855, A. L. 5855.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication, held in the New Hall, Chestnut Street.

Present: Bro. JAMES HUTCHINSON, R. W. G. M. Bro. Peter Williamson, R. W. D. G. M. Bro. John K. Mitchell, R. W. S. G. W. Bro. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. Jr. G. W. Bro. Thos. E. Baxter, R. W. G. Treas. Bro. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec. Bro. William H. Nicols, Dep. G. Sec. Bro. Gustavus Remak, S. G. D. Bro. Richard Vaux, J. G. D. Bro. Charles Bard Reese, Bro. R. Sterling Wilson, G. Stewards. Bro. Horace L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant. Bro. Jacob Laudenslager, G. Marshal. Bro. Jacob Steiner, G. S. Bearer. Bro. Rev. John Chambers, G. Chaplain. Bro. John M. Reed, James Page, William Barger, William Whitney, Anthony Bournonville, S. H. Perkins, P. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Blackburne, Maguire, Graham, Tallman. No. 3, Thomson, Meeteer, Hatfield, Colladay, Bilger, Martin, Helverson, Padmore, English, Skerritt, King, Zorns, Carlin, Robinson, Webb, Ashton, Carter, Taylor. No. 9, Crossley, Dorsey, Booth, Brothers, Kelly, Leach. No. 19, Bradley, Thornley, Cummings, Murphy, Haswell, Wilson, Karrick, Hodges, Nicols, Hines, Griscom, Masters, Thomas, Cooper. No. 25, Benezet, Scott. No. 43, Howell. No. 45, Adair. No. 51, Thomson, Whitney, Read, Howell, Evans, Workman, Baggs, Bouvier, Shippen, Wier. No. 52, Pearson, Wood, Fitch, Wilson, Brick, Smith, Simons. No. 59, Adams, Taylor, Macpherson, Davenport. No. 67, Jas. Hutchinson, Dunn, Ward, Laudenslager, Griffith, Reese, Smith, Squibb, Peirsol, Martien, Simpson, Jos. Hutchinson, Conrad, Baugh, Bispham, Field, Montgomery, Miller, Weeks. No. 71, Frismuth, Bladden, Golden, Hutchinson, Weikle, Bambury, Kauffman, No. 72, Thompson, Chase, Burger, Brown, Phillips, Ashton, Kelly, Fox, West, Ellis, O'Harra. No. 81, Snyder, Betton, Roop, Fulton. No. 91, Connelly, Swain, Casey, S. H. Perkins, Hart, Hinchman, Brown, Pack. No. 114, Spackman, Thomson, Young, Boyd, Hinkel, Hamm, Krider, Baxter, Thompson, Clark. No. 115, Parker, Heimberger, Wallis, McCloud, Fulmer, Black, Phillips, Beenken. No. 121, Vaux, Peterson, Leviestein, Mitchell, Lennig, Campbell. No. 125, Bournonville, Remak, Ziegler, Muckle, Steiner, Maag, Osner, Ketterlinus. No. 126, Page, Harper, Jackson, Dolby, Whetham, Nisbet, Simpson. No. 130, Riley, Lescure, Piper, Easby, Young, Brown, Watson, Logue, Kirkpatrick. No. 131, Harmer, Price, Moore, Smith, Peirson, Matlack. No. 134, Ogden, Stocker, Robbins, King, Jackson, Roney, Dusenbery, Goddard, Williamson. No. 135, McCully, Evans, Mullen, Hyneman.

No. 155, Wm. & Jno. Allen, Miller, Waters, Curtis, Ruan, Helm, Bacon, Gowie, Martin. No. 152, Yates, Thomas. No. 158, Taylor, McKinley, Weatherby, Oliver, Shields, Ewing, Baird, Read, McCully, Kugler, Jones, Richards, Julius. No. 186, Zeigler, O'Farrell, Little, Barrington, Fletcher, Gaskill, Hufty, Bigley, Russell, Brown, Lewis Smith, Scattergood. No. 187, McCann, Loeser, Albertson. No. 197, Porter, No. 211, Cartwright, Lee, Page, Hall, Bennett, Davidson, Field, Dorlan, Peall, Crockett, Wright. No. 224, Donaldson. No. 230, Graeff. No. 236, Martin. No. 246, Lange, Hyneman. No. 266, Morris, Taylor. No. 271, Mayer, Hart, Reinstine. No. 274, Goddard, Rubicam. No. 289, Gwyn, Loughead, Phillips. No. 292, Eckels, Brook, Hogan. No. 295, Yerkes, Gilpin, Harpur.

Proxies: Wm. English, No. 21; Wm. Whitney, No. 22; E. Barrington, No. 60; D. C. Skerritt, No. 62; Wm. W. Thomson, No. 106; Wm. H. Adams, No. 138; Wm. H. Pearson, No. 143; Gus. Remak, No. 144; W. S. Bladen, No. 153; P. Williamson, No. 156; Jno. Simpson, No. 163; Wm. Barger, No. 164; Rob't P. King, H. M. Phillips, No. 199; F. Blackburne, No. 216; H. Baugh, No. 218; Geo. Thomson, No. 220; Jas. Page, No. 222; Jno. Thornley, No. 223; James Page, No. 226; Leon Hyneman, No. 231; J. L. Hutchinson, No. 232; Jacob Steiner, No. 234; Geo. D. Haswell, No. 239; Wm. Curtis, No. 240; G. P. Cummings, No. 244; R. S. Wilson, No. 248; James Hutchinson, No. 253; S. Taylor, No. 255; Geo. Smith, No. 259; Wm. Leach, No. 262; Wm. English, No. 265; F. Blackburne, No. 267; Geo. F. Lewis, No. 276; H. S. Peterson, No. 284; L. Hyneman, No. 288; P. B. Goddard, No. 291; B. W. Dusenbury, No. 261. R. Vaux.

Eighty-one Lodges represented. Forty-two by members and thirty-nine by proxy.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at Six o'clock, P. M.

Special communications were read from the following Lodges and on motion were ordered to be Entered and filed, to wit:

From Lodge No. 91.

From Lodge No. 115 being an unfavorable report of the Committee on Investigation on —— ——.

From Lodge No. 190 being an amendment to the By-laws increasing the Initiation Fee from twenty to thirty dollars. Approved.

A copy of the By-laws of Lodge No. 291 was presented and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The following report from the Committee on Banquet was read, which was on motion ordered to be entered and filed, to wit:

To James Hutchinson, Esq., Grand Master of Masons in and for the Commonwealth of Penna.

This comes Greeting:—

The Committee to whom was referred the arrangement of a Masonic Banquet and appointing on the third day of September last past by the R. W. G. Master have attended to the duties of that

appointment, in conjunction with an additional Committee in like manner nominated as by reference to the accompanying notes of their proceedings more fully will appear.

Oct. 10, 1855, A. L. 5855.

HORACE L. PETERSON, *Chairman.*

Attest: EDWARD ROBBINS, *Sec.*

A communication was read from Rising Star Lodge, No. 126, in relation to a change of night of meeting of the Lodge from the second Saturday to the fourth Monday, and altering the By-laws to suit. Which on motion was approved.

The following report from the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund was read, approved and ordered to be filed, to wit:

PHIL., Dec. 3, 1855.

To the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund appointed under the By-laws adopted by the Grand Lodge June 18, 1855, respectfully report that they received from the former Trustees of said Fund in Masonic Loan and mortgage and cash the balance in their hands the sum of $9,766.47.

They have also received from Lodges subscribing to the Fund as follows, to wit:

From the Grand Lodge, interest on annual subscription				$180 00
From Lodge No.	2,	50 per ct.	do., ...	79 00
" "	3,	do.	do., ...	123 50
" "	9,	do.	do., ...	60 00
" "	51,	do.	do., ...	65 00
" "	52,	do.	do., ...	84 00
" "	59,	do.	in full	59 00
" "	71,	50 per ct.	on annual subscription.....	58 50
" "	72,	"	do. do.	70 50
" "	115,	"	do. do.	49 00
" "	130,	"	do. do.	80 00
" "	155,	"	do. do.	134 50
" "	289,	"	in full	25 00
" "	214,	donation.....		25 00

Making in subscription.....	$1,093 00
Add cash from former Trustees.....	216 47
Total amount received.....	$1,309 47

Of this sum they have invested

In Masonic Loans.....	$500 00	
Deposited on interest in S. Fund.....	279 47	
Appropriated to the use of the Almoners.....	350 00	
Order of Grand Lodge on hand.....	180 00	
		$1,309 47

The amount of the Fund now invested and drawing six per cent. interest is as follows, to wit:

137 Shares of New Masonic Loan at $50 per share	$6,850 00
Mortgage on lot in Germantown	3,200 00
Making	$10,050 00

The available means of the Fund for charitable distribution by the Board of Almoners for the remainder of the year ending September 30, 1856, will be as follows, to wit:

Bal. of contributions from subscribing Lodges	$804 00
Interest on old investment Six Months	288 00
Cash on deposit and interest thereon and order on hand	462 00
Making a total of	$1,554 00

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Trustees,

WILLIAM ENGLISH, *Chairman.*

Attest: WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Secretary.*

The following report was read, approved and ordered to be filed.

PHILADA., Dec. 3, 1855.

To the Grand Lodge of Penna.

In accordance with the provisions of Sec. 4 of Article VII of the By-laws for the government of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, the undersigned respectfully submits the following report of the proceedings of the Board of Almoners. The Board was fully organized on the second Monday of October last. The following Lodges having sanctioned the By-laws and paid the amount required are now represented in the Board, viz.: Numbers 2, 3, 9, 51, 52, 59, 71, 72, 115, 130, 155 and 289.

Several other Lodges have signified their intention of coming into the measure.

The Trustees at their first meeting placed at the disposal of the Board of Almoners the sum of $350 00

Of this sum there has been granted in Charity to eight widow applicants	$105 00	
For books, stationery, printing, &c.	63 95	
Total expenditure		168 95
Leaving a Balance for further use		$181 05

The following amendments to the By-laws having been unanimously approved by the Board of Almoners, are now respectfully submitted to the Grand Lodge for confirmation.

The amendments to Sec. 4, Art. VI and Sec. 6, Art. VII, were proposed by Lodge No. 51, and those to the 2nd, 3rd and 9th Sec. of Art. VII, being merely verbal were suggested to the Board by

the inconvenience of the times for meetings now prescribed by the By-laws. Strike out all after the word "and" in the third line of Sec. 4, Art. VI, and insert the following "thereupon the R. W. G. Master shall draw his warrant to be attested by the R. W. G. Sec. upon the said Trustees in favor of the Treasurer of the Board of Almoners, for the payment of the sum so appropriated." Strike out the word "Monday" in the second and fourth lines of Sec. 2, Art. VII and insert the word "Tuesday." Strike out all preceding the word "in" in the third line of Sec. 3, Art. VII, and insert the following: "The Annual Meetings of the Board shall be held on the first Tuesday of January in each year, and the Stated Monthly Meetings shall be held on the first Tuesday." Strike out the words "The Grand Lodge Charity Fund" in the first and second lines of Sec. 6, Art. VII, and insert the words "The Board of Almoners." Strike out the word "Monday" wherever it occurs in Sec. 9, Art. VII, and insert the word "Tuesday." The present code of By-laws were so constructed as will be observed by a perusal of the last act as to be susceptible of easy amendment, therefore, the Board of Almoners from their own volition or from the suggestions of Lodges interested in the correct working and success of the system can make all needful corrections, which will of course always meet the approval of the Grand Lodge. A large proportion of the existing Board of Almoners will retire therefrom at the close of the present year and they have expressed the great pleasure they feel in the reflection that the frequent changes which will necessarily take place amongst its members being fresh and vigorous minds to test the applicability and efficiency of the present laws, will have a striking tendency to improve and perfect the system so as to leave no just cause for local hostility or even objection to this aggregated Masonic Charity. It is with profound pleasure that the undersigned in closing his report to the Grand Lodge and at the same time closing his connection with the Almoners of the Charity fund, established in part by its beneficence, is able to give assurance that abundant evidence has been already afforded of the usefulness as well as the stability of said Fund for notwithstanding only twelve Lodges have as yet contributed thereto. The zeal they have manifested for the prosperity of the undertaking shews the abiding faith they have in its ultimate success and in its utility beyond what can in reason ever be hoped for from individual and isolated action. It is to be hoped that the time is not distant when all the Lodges meeting in this Hall will be convinced of the practical good which must flow from a concentrated Charity Fund and the prompt assistance it can afford to the needy and deserving widow and her orphan children and that they will cheerfully participate in the creation and management of this extended and associated Grand Lodge Charity Fund.

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Almoners.

WILLIAM ENGLISH, *President.*

An application was read from a number of Brethren residing in Germantown, asking for a new warrant to hold a Lodge there. On motion said application was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

The following were offered by Bro. Joseph S. Riley and on motion were laid over, to wit:

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the monetary affairs of the Grand Lodge will now assume such importance that they should be placed under the charge, care and supervision of a department of this Grand Lodge in order that dues and yielding resources may receive the proper attention and the disbursements may be attentively looked after and regulated according to regulations and orders of the Grand Lodge.

Therefore resolved, that the monetary affairs and financial matters of this Grand Lodge be placed in charge of the Committee of Finances who shall have the general supervision and care of Lodge dues, rents and financial resources and of all the disbursements of the Grand Lodge.

Also resolved, that no bill, order or account be paid by the Grand Treasurer until the same has been approved of and passed by the Committee of Finance.

Also resolved, that the Committee of Finance shall hold stated meetings on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at which bills, accounts, &c., &c., may be presented in order that they may be audited and passed.

Bro. Charles Gilpin, Chairman of Com. appointed in the case of Bro. B——'s appeal from a vote of expulsion by Lodge No. 51 presented a report from said Committee which was laid over until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

This being the evening appointed by the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Lodge for the elections of its officers, the R. W. Grand Master arose and in a kind and affectionate manner declined a re-election and appointed Bros. Joseph S. Riley, William Conrad, George P. Little and George S. Morris as Tellers.

The Grand Lodge then went into an election by ballots when the following named Brethren were announced as duly elected, to wit:—

Bro. Peter Williamson as R. W. G. M., Bro. James Hutchinson having previous to the going into the election in a very kind and appropriate manner declined a re-election.

Bro. John K. Mitchell, R. W. D. G. Master. Bro. Henry M. Phillips, S. G. Warden. Bro. John Thomson, J. G. Warden. Bro. William H. Adams, Grand Secretary. Bro. Thomas E. Baxter, Grand Treasurer.

TRUSTEES GIRARD BEQUEST.

Bros. Samuel H. Perkins, Anthony Bournonville, James Hutchinson, George P. Little and Jacob Steiner.

TRUSTEES OF THE NEW MASONIC LOAN.

Bros. William Badger, Philip R. Howard, David Jayne, William English and Henry Simons.

TRUSTEES GRAND LODGE CHARITY FUND.

Bros. James Kelly, James W. Martien, John Bradley, Thomas Roney and Gustavus Remak.

Copies of the following By-laws were received and on motion were referred to the Committee on By-laws, to wit: Nos. 156, 218, 243, and 288.

The following paper was handed in but no action was taken thereon, to wit:

Resolved, that a Committee of —— be appointed in conjunction with the Treasurer and Secretary to prepare a statement of the financial business of the Grand Lodge, commencing at the period completed in the last publication of the Blue Book and ending with the final expenditure for the completion and furnishing of the present Masonic Hall, giving the various amounts of monies paid to the contractors and others to the different persons who received compensation for services or materials used at the dedication; presenting at one view the amount of our indebtedness and to whom due and the estimated value of our assets, the different Trusts held by the Grand Lodge and when invested, and such other matters as may be deemed instructive and beneficial to the order, and that the same be printed for the use of the Members.

Resolved, that all official publications emanating from the Grand Lodge and printed at its expense be in future executed in the following manner, to wit: In octavo form the pages to be of the uniform dimensions of 49 lines in length and 47 ems in breadth, of small pica type, the notes and explanatory matter to be in bourgeois when practicable and the paper estimated at 8 pages to the half sheet, to be not less than 25 x 19 inches in measurement, in weight 25 lbs. to the ream and in value fifteen cents per pound.

No further business presenting itself the Grand Lodge closed in peace at ¼ past 10 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILA., Decr. 15, 1855, A. L. 5855.

Grand Lodge of Penna., New Hall, Chestnut Street, Special Communication to dedicate New Lodge to be held in Germantown.

Present: Bro. JAMES HUTCHINSON, R. W. G. M. Bro. Peter Williamson, R. W. D. G. M. Bro. John K. Mitchell, R. W. S. G. W. Bro. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. J. G. W. Bro. Thos. E. Baxter, R. W. G. Treas. Bro. William H. Adams, R. W. Sec. Bro. Geo. H. Ashton, Dep. G. Secy. Bro. F. Blackburn, S. G. D. Bro. Jerh. L. Hutchinson, J. G. D. Bro. Charles Bard Reese, G. Steward. Bro. R. Sterling Wilson, G. Steward. Bro. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. Bro.

Jacob Steiner, G. S. Bearer. Bro. H. L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant. Bro. John Thomson, H. Yerkes, William Carr, James W. Martien, George F. Betton, G. D. Haswill, members of the Grand Lodge and a number of visiting Brethren.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ancient form at 3 o'c., P. M.

Lodge No. 296 was duly constituted in Ancient and Solemn Form under the title of Mitchell Lodge, to be held in Germantown, and Bro. William H. Squires, installed Worshipful Master. None present but Past Masters. Bro. John J. Griffith was installed Senior Warden, and Bro. Daniel R. Harper, installed Junior Warden, with some fifteen Brethren the intended members of said Lodge.

The ceremonies passed off in a very pleasant manner.

The R. W. Grand Master thanked Bros. Jas. W. Booth, William Cunnington and their assistants in the music, for their kindness in assisting with the music.

Closed in peace at half-past 5 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17, 1855, A. L. 5855.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Quarterly Communication, held in the New Hall, Chestnut Street.

Present: Bro. JAMES HUTCHINSON, R. W. G. M. Bro. Peter Williamson, R. W. Dep. G. M. Bro. John K. Mitchell, R. W. S. G. W. Bro. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. J. G. W. Bro. William Carr, R. W. G. T., P. T. Bro. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec. Bro. William H. Nicols, Dep. G. Sec. Bro. Richard Vaux, S. G. Deacon. Bro. John L. Goddard, J. G. Deacon. Bro. C. Bard Reese and Bro. R. Stirling Wilson, G. Stewards. Bro. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. Bro. Jacob Steiner, G. S. Bearer. Bro. H. L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant. Bro. William Whitney, James Page and John M. Reed, P. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Mosley. No. 3, Leddy, Ashton, Carter, Thomson, English, Colladay. No. 9, Booth, Crow, Kelly, Brothers. No. 19, Griscom, Bishop, Hodges, Cummings, Nicols, Wilson, Adair, Scott. No. 25, Benezett, Scott. No. 51, Whitney, Reed, Workman, Howell. No. 52, Wilson, Sr., Engard, Wood, Pearson. No. 59, Adams. No. 67, Piersoll, Hutchinson, Jos. Hutchinson, Loudenslager, Reese, Baugh, Simpson, Squibb, Griffith, Smith. No. 71, Hutchinson, Jones, Bambery, Frishmuth, Cauffman. No. 72, Chase, Ashton, Brown, Thompson, Fox. No. 114, Krider, Thomson, Clark, Thompson. No. 115, Parker, Heimburger, Wallace, Fulmer. No. 121, Vaux, Mitchell, Peterson. No. 125, Maag. No. 126, Page, Jackson, Simpson. No. 130, Young, Riley, Lescure, Brown, Kirkpatrick. No. 131, Moore, Smith. No. 134, Williamson, Robbins, Roney, Goddard, Jackson. No. 155, Martin, Ruan, Gowie, Miller, Bacon. No. 158, Wetherby, Shields, McKinley. No. 186, Smith, Little, Brown, O'Farrell. No. 187, Loeser, Parsons. No. 197, Porter. No. 211, Cartwright. No. 230, Meyers.

No. 245, Carr. No. 246, Hineman. No. 271, Reinstine. No. 292, Eckles. No. 295, Harper, Yerkes, Gilpin.

Proxies: Wm. English, Wm. Whitney, R. S. Wilson, Wm. W. Thomson, Wm. H. Adams, Wm. H. Pearson, Peter Williamson, H. M. Phillips, H. Baugh, Geo. Thomson, James Page, Leon Hyneman, Jer. L. Hutchinson, Jas. Hutchinson, Geo. Smith, H. L. Peterson, P. B. Goddard.

Forty-nine Lodges represented, thirty-two by members and seventeen by proxy.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at 6 o'clock, P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication held Sept. 3, 1855, were read and adopted.

The minutes of the Extra Quarterly Communication Sept. 17, 1855, were read and adopted.

The minutes of the Extra Communication held Nov. 5, 1855, were read and adopted.

Communications from Lodge No. 164, held at Washington, Penna. In relation to the expulsion of Brother —— —— a non-affiliated Member, also of Bro. Joseph Werrick likewise petitioning the Grand Lodge to place a tax on all unaffiliated members in said County the proceeds to be given to said Lodge to enable them to erect a new Hall. On motion duly made and seconded, the whole subject was referred to a special Committee of Three. The R. W. Grand Master appointed Bros. John Thomson, W. H. Adams and George W. Hufty.

The following was read and approved, to wit:

MASONIC HALL, CHESTNUT ST., PHIL., Nov. 14, 1855.

At a meeting of Rising Star Lodge, No. 126, held this evening the following amendment was adopted, to wit: Strike out "second Saturday" in Art. 1 of By-laws and insert "fourth Monday for the meetings of the Lodge."

Extract from the minutes.

BENJ. F. JACKSON, *Secretary.*

The following report was read, to wit:

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. —— —— from the vote of expulsion passed upon him by Lodge No. 51, report, that they gave notice to the Lodge, Bro. —— —— the accuser and Bro. —— the accused and were attended by them, the Lodge being represented by a Committee consisting of Bros. Whitney, Thomson and Workman, the same to whom the original charge was referred as well as Bro. ——'s communication appealing from the action of the Lodge. It appears by the report of the Committee to Lodge No. 51, a copy of which together with the minutes is hereto annexed, that the charge preferred was in the following words:

I charge —— —— with collecting funds of the firm of ——, —— and Co. (of which I was a member in the spring and summer

of 1854,) amounting to about $3000 which he never returned to the firm saying that he had lost it by gambling, but promised on his sacred honour that if it was kept quiet and not exposed he would most religiously abstain from gaming and drinking and would work for the house until he could repay it, which was accepted by the Senior Partner of the firm. He only knowing the facts at the time. And from Oct., 1854 to Jan., 1855, he collected between eleven and twelve thousand dollars, in cash and good paper, which he never returned to the firm and says he lost it in the same way and his unfaithfulness to the house was the principal cause of their suspensions. The misconduct of Bro. —— is alleged to consist in collecting funds of the firm of ——, —— and Co. which were never returned to the firm and in unfaithfulness to the house which was the principal cause of the suspension of the house.

Your committee will consider the latter part of the charge first. It was not made to appear to your Committee that the alleged unfaithfulness to the House was the principal cause of their suspension. In fact the Committee of No. 51 admit that this part of the accusation was not proved before them, or considered by them, but was thrown out of consideration in their deliberations and the loss by Bro. —— was subsequent to the suspension of the House, they put the expulsion exclusively on the former part of the charge, viz.: The collecting for the firm which he never returned. The first sum collected was in the spring and summer of 1854 amounting to about $3000 the excuse given by the accused was that he had lost it by intemperance and gambling. The excuse was received by the Senior Partner and the account settled by charging the amount against Bro. —— on the books of the firm. However reprehensible the conduct of Bro. —— was in this matter your Committee cannot find ground to sustain the charge of unmasonic conduct in wronging a Brother Master Mason. Next it is alleged that in the fall of 1854 and Spring of 1855 Brother —— collected a larger amount, to wit: ten to twelve thousand dollars in the West, where he had been sent by the firm to collect, which he never returned to the firm and said he had lost in the same way. Bro. —— admitted to the Committee of No. 51 when heard before expulsion, that he had made collections and did not return them, the amount admitted was less than six thousand dollars, but the amount does not vary the principle, which is to govern. He offered an excuse at that time, and offered to prove it to the Committee, if time was given to procure testimony; the excuse was that he had lost it when drugged or drunk by gambling or theft. The Committee declined giving him time as they were willing to admit and did admit the truth of this statement and acted on it. In their report they say that Bro. —— denied that he had any intention of wronging Bro. ——, in what he did, yet in giving his own explanation of all that occurred he virtually did admit the truth of the charges. Your Committee are of opinion that the Committee of Lodge No. 51 should have reported

with the admissions and their conclusions, the excuse that Bro. —— gave at the time of the admissions that he lost the money when drugged or drunk by gambling or theft. The whole statement which he offered to prove, if received and acted upon by the Committee should have been taken together and so reported. With the admissions of defalcation to the firm, the exculpation or the facts on which exculpation was rested, should have been treated, and reported, as verity, or the whole rejected if doubted and time given to the accused to procure testimony, to prove the facts alleged by him. Time not having been given the admission and excuse must be taken together as true, indeed the Committee of No. 51 said to your Committee that when they declined giving time to procure testimony from the West, they stated to Bro. —— they would take his statement as true and act on it. The Committee appear to have done so though they did not report the excuse with the admissions to Lodge No. 51. The case then stands thus in the fall of 1854 and winter of 1855 Bro. —— made collections for the house of ——, —— and Co. of which both he and Bro. —— were partners, amounting to six thousand and upwards which he never returned to the firm but lost in New Orleans when he was drunk or drugged, so as to be unconscious of what he was doing, by gambling or theft. Under this statement of the case your Committee are of opinion Bro. —— was improperly expelled under the charge of unmasonic conduct in wronging a Brother Master Mason. That his weakness was most reprehensible your Committee do not doubt for a moment, intemperance and gambling are most unbecoming a man and a Mason, they brutalize and demoralize the man and discredit the order; but the charge is not either intemperance or gambling, when another charge is preferred a Brother should not be expelled, because he may in the course of the investigation be found by proof or admission to be an inebriate or a gambler. If those be the grounds of expulsion, the expulsion should be based on the specific charge. The charge under revision in this appeal is not drunkenness or gambling but a moral declination in Masonic duty in collecting money and not accounting and a consequent violation of his Masonic obligation. Whether it be a violation of his Masonic obligation may depend upon the question whether a man is morally responsible for a loss of money on his person when he is *non compos mentis*. The victim of rum or drugs in a state of stupefaction ceases to be morally accountable, when in that state for losses to make him responsible, in morals it must be shown that the loss happened when he was *compos mentis*. While these conclusions are irresistibly forced on your Committee they do not offer a word of palliation in favor of Bro. ——. He seems to be a most imprudent man and an unworthy Mason in his forgetfulness of the salutary precepts which he must have so often heard inculcated in the order. Indeed such conduct being the subject of a specific charge may be good ground for dissolving in a regular way his connections with the Order, but this

is a suggestion thrown out rather than the expression of a deliberate opinion not called for by the case or asked of your Committee. Your Committee therefore conclude that Bro. —— has been irregularly expelled from Lodge No. 51 and that he should be reinstated and submit a resolution to that effect, thus giving him an opportunity if he thinks proper to tender a resignation and also giving the Lodge the opportunity to determine whether on other grounds the resignation should be accepted, or if none be offered to prefer other charges if deemed proper and necessary for the good of the order.

Resolved, that the decision of Lodge No. 51 in the expulsion of Bro. —— be reversed and that Bro. —— be restored to his full standing as a Mason as if such expulsion had never taken place.

D. C. SKERRETT, GEORGE P. LITTLE, CHARLES GILPIN, *Committee.*
DEC. 3, 1855.

The resolution attached to the foregoing report was under consideration and elicited considerable discussion. When on motion of Bro. Jos. S. Riley and duly seconded it was resolved, to strike out all after the word resolved and insert, That this Grand Lodge confirm the action of Lodge No. 51 in expelling Bro. —— ——. The amendment was adopted.

A communication was read from Bro. Richard H. See in relation to the Norfolk Sufferers. When on motion of Bro. Daniel M. Fox the following resolution was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that the Communication of Bro. See just read be returned to him with the recommendation of this Grand Lodge that the letter and object be presented to the several subordinate Lodges for their kindest consideration.

The following report from the Committee on By-laws was read and adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report, that they have examined the several By-laws submitted to them and would recommend.

That to Sec. 1, Art. IV of the By-laws of Lodge No. 156 and after the word Masons in the second Section of said Article be added the words "Members of the Lodge." That Sec. 7, of said Art. be stricken out and the following substituted: "The fees for conferring Degrees and Membership shall in all cases be paid in advance and shall be as follows, to wit: For conferring the 3 degrees by Dispensation, $18, Initiation and Membership, $18, Admission of an E. A. M., $14, F. C., $7, M. M., $5." That all after the word "paid" in Sec. 3, Art. V be stricken out, and the words "he may be suspended or expelled" be substituted. That all after the word "public" be stricken from Art. IX and the following substituted, to wit: "he may be reprimanded, suspended or expelled" and that said By-laws be then approved.

That in Sec. 2, Art. IX of the By-laws of Lodge No. 218 The words

next "subsequent to that" be inserted after the words "shall be taken at the meeting." That in Sec. 1, Art. XIV of said By-laws after the words "six months" there be inserted the words "having been notified thereof and of the intended action of the Lodge and the time appointed therefor, should he fail to pay his said dues." That in said Section the word a "Majority" be substituted for "two thirds." That in Art. XXI after the word "charges" there be inserted the word, "upon the trial after due notice shall have been given" and that said By-laws be then approved.

That from Sec. 2, Art. I of the By-laws of Lodge No. 243 the words "In the third degree of Masonry," and from Sec. 1, Art. IV, the word "shall preside at all the stated and special meetings" be stricken out. That in Sec. 1, Art. XIII, the words "Master Masons" be inserted after the words "by two." That from Sec. 2 the words "If the petition be received" be stricken out, and after the words "three Members" the words "Master Masons neither of whom is a recommender" be inserted. That all after the words "report be favorable" be stricken from said Sec. and the words "He shall be balloted for and receiving a unanimous vote shall be declared elected" be substituted. That Art. XV be stricken out and the following substituted: "The fees for conferring Degrees and Membership shall be in all cases paid in advance and shall be as follows, to wit: For conferring the three degrees by Dispensation, $17. Initiation and Membership, $17. Admission of an E. A. M., $10; a F. C. M., $5; a M. Mason, $5." That Sec. 2 of Art. XVI; the first, 2nd, 3d, 4th and 5th Sections of Art. XVIII; the whole of Art. XIX; the 1st and 2d Sections of Art. XXI and the whole of Art. XXII be stricken out. That in Art. XXVIII the words "a majority" be substituted for "two-thirds." That the Rules of Order be added "No. 14. The above rules of order may be dispensed with by the presiding officer." And that said By-laws be then approved.

That the word "shall" be stricken from the XI, XIII and XIV Articles of the By-laws of Lodge No. 288 and the word "may" substituted therefor. That the words "without further notice" be stricken from Art. XIV, and the words "due notice of his arrearages of the proposed action of the Lodge and the time fixed therefor should he fail to pay having been first given him" be substituted. That in Art. XXVII and XXIX the words "a majority" be substituted for the words "two-thirds." And that said By-laws be then approved.

That the words "and a member of the Lodge" be stricken from Sec. 7, of the By-laws of Lodge No. 291. That the words "shall be suspended therefor at the said meeting without further notice" be sricken from Sec. 12 and the following substituted, "He may be suspended due notice of his arrearages, of the proposed action of the Lodge and the time fixed therefor, should he fail to pay, having been given him." That the words "a majority" be substituted for

"two-thirds" in Sections 18 and 19. And that said By-laws be then approved.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT FRAZER, WM. H. ADAMS, WM. WHITNEY, *Committee.*

On motion of Bro. Henry M. Phillips and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Master draw his order on the Grand Treasurer in favor of the Trustees of the New Masonic Loan for such an amount as may be required to pay the interest on the New Masonic Loan falling due the first of January next 1856.

The following report was received and read from the Committee of Finance to wit:

The Finance Committee beg leave to report, that in pursuance of their duty they submit a brief review of the finances of the Grand Lodge for the past year, which in a financial point of view has been a very important one. Arising from erecting and furnishing of the New Hall, and though every thing has thus far progressed very smoothly, yet difficulties are now arising to which the earnest attention of the members of the Grand Lodge is respectfully called, and the following exhibit of the present state of the finance will convince them, that some prompt action must be had, or the credit of the Grand Lodge will suffer. The finances of the Grand Lodge may be divided into two departments, to wit: First. The regular receipts and disbursements of the Grand Lodge. Second. The loans and appropriations towards the erection and furnishing of the New Hall. With regard to the first department, viz.: The regular receipts and disbursements of the Grand Lodge the Committee have thought it advisable to make this report for the financial year, ending on the 30th of Sept. that being the latest period to which the Grand Treasurer is required by the A. R. to make up his accounts previous to Saint John's Day therefore from Oct. 1, 1854, to Sept. 30, 1855, the regular receipts and disbursements have been as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$2,669 11
Rec. from Lodges, Chapters, Encampments, &c.	16,616 55
" " D. D. G. Masters	888 48
" " Dispensations, Certificates, New Warrants and A. Rezons as per return of G. Sec.	1,913 70
" " Rents	187 50
Total	$22,293 34

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Interest on Grand Lodge Loans	$5,810 00	
" Salaries	1,687 70	
" Hall Committee	1,013 80	

Paid Exp. Grand Master	$933 73	
" Exp. Grand Secretary, printing, stationery, &c.,	229 20	
" Exp. Grand Treasurer	11 69	
" Taxes Chestnut St. Hall	532 50	
" Petty Expenses	129 39	
Makes a total of		$10,348 01
Leaving a balance of		$11,945 33

To the credit of the Grand Lodge which has been disposed of by the resolutions and authority of the Grand Lodge, as follows:

To S. K. Hoxsie	$3,761 83	
" Furnishing Committee	4,513 96	
" Insurance	1,363 29	
" Expenses Dedicating the New Hall	1,284 75	
" Subscription to the Poor Fund	500 00	
" Balance on hand	521 50	
Making		$11,945 33

With regard to the Second department of the Finances, to wit: The loans and appropriations towards the erection and furnishing the New Hall, it is about as follows:

First. The Loan of 1853 Authorized for one hundred and ten thousand dollars all of which has been taken and appropriated to the use of the Building Committee and the debts of the Grand Lodge.

Second. The Loan of 1855 Authorized for fifty thousand dollars but of which the Finance Committee have only been able to obtain about fourteen thousand.

The whole amount of the last loan will not be needed, but that portion of it which is wanted to close up the accounts of the Building and Furnishing Committee we are unable to get on the credit of the Grand Lodge in the present state of the money market and the consequence is, that the warrants drawn by the Committees in favor of the mechanics employed about the New Hall are discredited. This Committee would suggest that some six months ago a special Committee was appointed with power to dispose of the Third Street Hall, on or before the first day of December, for the best market price, unfortunately they have not obeyed their instructions, otherwise these difficulties would not have occurred for it is understood from the Building and Furnishing Committees that only about twenty-five to thirty thousand dollars is required to make final settlements on the New Hall and the proceeds of the Old Hall added to the regular receipts in the early part of the year would have approached so near the amount required that satisfactory arrange-

ments could have been easily made. In this state of affairs the Finance Committee request the Grand Lodge to take such action as they in their wisdom may deem requisite to maintain the faith and honor of the craft.

Estimated receipts for the Year 1856 are as follows:

From Lodges, Chapters, Encptm., &c	$20,000 00
" Dispensations, Warants, &c	2,000 00
" Rents of Stores	9,000 00
Total	$31,000 00

The estimated expenditures are

For Interest on loans	$8,000 00
" Hall Committee	2,400 00
" Taxes and Water Rent	1,800 00
" Salaries	1,650 00
" Expenses of Grand Master	1,000 00
" Ditto Grand Sec. office	500 00
" Ditto Grand Treasurer	150 00
In all	$15,500 00

Leaving a balance of fifteen thousand five hundred dollars to be appropriated towards paying off the debts of the Grand Lodge.

F. BLACKBURNE, GEO. H. OLIVER,
JOS. S. RILEY, DANIEL THOMPSON,
Committee.

The estimates contained in the foregoing report was on motion of Bro. Joseph S. Riley confirmed.

The following report from the Committee on Renting Stores was read and ordered to be filed.

To the R. W. G. Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Renting the Stores in the New Masonic Hall rsepectfully report,

They have made and executed with legal advice the following leases: To E. W. Caryell at $2500 per annum for three years with the privilege of two more at $3000 per annum payable quarterly. The stores not to be sublet without permission of the Grand Lodge or a Committee. The Grand Lodge must be notified in writing three months previous to the termination of the three years of his intention of keeping it at the rental of $3000. The same terms and conditions to John Marsh and J. Steward De Puy excepting that their rent is payable monthly. The first month will be due the 25th of the present month. Security being exacted in each case for the faithful performance of the contract. Also two temporary leases. One of two weeks to C. J. Wolbert for one hundred and fifty dollars.

The other to Messrs. H. Cowperthwait & Co. for three hundred dollars till the 5th of January. The latter firm will yield possession the evening of the first of January if a permanent tenant is secured. The Committee having received the following sums:

E. W. Caryell rent due Nov. 1st	$625 00
C. J. Wolbert two weeks	150 00
H. Cowperthwait & Co. paid in Advance	300 00
	$1,075 00

Which was immediately paid to the R. W. G. Treasurer as per his receipt, 1855.

Nov. 3,	Paid him	E. W. Caryell's Rent		$625 00
" 2,	do.	" C. J. Wolbert		150 00
Dec. 12,	do.	" H. Cowperthwait & Co		300 00
				$1,075 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES SHIELDS, GUSTAVUS REMAK,
HARMAN BAUGH, WILLIAM CONRAD,
W. HEIMBERGER, *Committee.*

PHIL., Dec. 17, 1855.

On motion of P. G. Master, Bro. James Page and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that the Grand Treasurer-Elect be required to renew his official bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars to the Grand Lodge with approved security for the ensuing Masonic year.

The following communication was read, ordered to be entered and filed and Past Grand Master, Bro. Wm. Barger acknowledge as the Proxy of said Lodge, to wit: Carbondale Lodge, No. 249.

To Bro. William Barger, a Master Mason and a Member of Lodge No. 72 under the Jurisdiction of the R. W. G. Lodge of Penna.

At a Stated Meeting of Lodge No. 249, held at Carbondale on the 21st day of Nov., A. D. 1855, you were appointed the Representative of this Lodge in the said R. W. G. Lodge of Penna.

Witness our hand and seal of the Lodge this the 22nd day of Nov., 1855.

[L. S.] P. C. GRITMAN, *W. M.*

Attest: JOHN DORRANCE, *Sec.*

The following resolutions were handed in by Bro. Joseph S. Riley and were ordered to be spread on the minutes, to wit:

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the monetary affairs of the Grand Lodge will now assume such importance that they should be placed under the charge, care and supervision of a department of this Grand Lodge, in order that dues and yielding resources may receive the

proper attention, and the disbursements may be attentively looked after and regulated, according to Regulations and orders of the Grand Lodge, *therefore resolved*, that the monetary affairs and financial matters of this Grand Lodge be placed in charge of the Committee on Finances, who shall have the general supervision and care of Lodge dues, rents and financial resources and of all the disbursements of the Grand Lodge. *Also resolved*, that no bill, order or account be paid by the Grand Treasurer until the same has been approved of and passed by the Committee of Finance. *Also resolved*, that the Committee of Finance shall hold Stated Meetings on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at which bills, accounts and so forth, &c., may be presented in order that they may be audited and passed.

Bro. Joseph S. Riley offered the following, viz.:

That the Committee having in charge the sale of the Third Street Hall be requested to make sale of the same for the best price they can obtain for the same between this date and the 25th day of March next. On motion of Bro. E. Robbins the foregoing was postponed which was agreed to.

On motion of Bro. George Griscom and duly seconded, the following was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that the Building Committee and the Furnishing Committee be and they are hereby instructed to report at the Extra Communication of the Grand Lodge in January next so far as they shall have been able to ascertain the same, the full amounts of expenditures and liability incurred in the building and furnishing of the New Hall, and that they specify the names of the present creditors of the Grand Lodge with the respective amounts of their credits.

On motion of Bro. John Thomson and duly seconded, the following was adopted, to wit:

WHEREAS, owing to the present stringent state of the money market the loan authorized by this Grand Lodge cannot be effected on satisfactory terms.

Therefore resolved, that the subordinate Lodges that are in a condition to do so be earnestly requested to pay in whole or in part as soon as they possibly can the amount of their indebtedness to the Grand Lodge for the year 1855 and the Grand Secretary be requested to communicate the same forthwith to the different Lodges meeting in this Hall.

On motion duly made and seconded the following named Brethren were admitted as visitors during the evening, to wit: Benj. F. Karrick, late of No. 19; Wm. Thomson, No. 51; John Wilson, No. 52; G. Mallary, No. 91; S. A. Gump, No. 125; Daniel Sutter, No. 130; H. G. Fulmer, No. 187; I. G. Graff, No. 289; Wm. Filcher, No. 292; Wm. Elliot, No. 295.

No further business presenting itself the Grand Lodge closed in peace at 10 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. AD. MS, *Grand Secretary.*



Peter McWilliamson

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27, 1855, A. L. 5855.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Annual Grand Communication, held in the New Hall, Chestnut Street.

Present: Bro. JAMES HUTCHINSON, R. W. G. M. Bro. Peter Williamson, D. G. M. Bro. John K. Mitchell, G. S. W. Bro. Henry M. Phillips, G. J. W. Bro. William Carr, G. Treas., *p. t.* Bro. William H. Adams, G. Sec. Bro. George H. Ashton, D. G. Sec. Bro. James Simpson, S. G. Deacon. Bro. John Allen, J. G. Deacon. Bro. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. Bro. Jacob Steiner, G. S. Bearer. Bro. Charles Bard Reese and Bro. R. Wilson, G. Stewards. Bro. H. L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant. Bros. John Chambers and Kingston Goddard, G. Chaplains. Bros. William Whitney, William Barger, James Page and Peter Fritz, Past Grand Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Wiler. No. 3, Leddy, English. No. 9, Crow, Leach, Booth, Brothers, Kelly, Wright, Thorp. No. 19, Griscom, Thornley, Thomas, Cooper, Bradley, Wilson, Cummings. No. 25, Benezett, Scott, Keim. No. 51, Thomson, Allen, Whitney, Stowell, Bouvier. No. 52, Fitch, Pearson, Wilson, Sr., Day. No. 59, Taylor, Adams. No. 67, Smith, Jas. Hutchinson, Conrad, Ward, Baugh, Simpson, Loudenslager, Reese, Martien. No. 71, Bladen, Bambury, Hutchinson, Jones, Cauffman. No. 72, Barger, Ashton, Thompson, O'Hara, Potter, Phillips. No. 91, Mallary, Perkins. No. 114, Boyd, Clark, Hamm, Stevenson, Spackman. No. 115, Beenken, Shultz, Wallace. No. 121, Mitchell, Watt, Lennig. No. 125, Kinsley, Steiner, Maag. No. 126, Nisbet, Page. No. 130, Young, Kirkpatrick. No. 131, Moore, Miller, Price, Penrose. No. 134, Roney, Stocker, Williamson, Goddard. No. 155, Helm, Fritz, Martin, Allen. No. 158, McKinley, Taylor, Reneker. No. 186, Ziegler. No. 187, Purvis. No. 211, Benezett, Cartwright. No. 219, Meeds. No. 246, Sawyer. No. 271, Slemmer. No. 289, Loughead, Gwyn. No. 295, Gilpin, Yerkes.

Proxies: Whitney, Wilson, Adams, Pearson, Williamson, Simpson, Barger, Phillips, Baugh, Page, Thornley, J. L. Hutchinson, Sterner, Cummings, Jas. Hutchinson, Peterson, Goddard.

Forty-eight Lodges represented, thirty-one by members and seventeen by proxy.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at half-past Ten o'clock, A. M.

So much of the minutes of Dec. 3, 1855, as relates to the election of Officers was read and approved.

The R. W. Grand Master delivered an interesting and appropriate address.*

Those present who were not Past Masters retired. When Bro. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Master-elect and Bro. John K. Mitchell, R. W. Dep. Grand Master-elect were separately and duly installed in Ancient and Solemn Form and being duly proclaimed received the accustomed salutations of the Brethren. Whereupon the brethren who had withdrawn were readmitted and the following Grand

*See Appendix B.

Officers were severally and duly Installed in Ancient and Solemn form and being duly proclaimed received the cordial and accustomed salutations of the brethren, to wit:

Bros. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. S. G. Warden; John Thomson, J. G. Warden; William H. Adams, G. Secretary.

The R. W. Grand Master after delivering a short and appropriate address* announced the following appointments, to wit:

GRAND CHAPLAINS.

Rev. Bro. John Chambers, Peter Van Pelt, H. W. Ducachet, Kingston Goddard, R. D. Morris, W. Cooper, Daniel Washburn, Wm. H. Reese and Samuel E. Babcock.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

Bro. Chas. M. Howell of Lancaster, for the County of Lancaster.

Bro. George H. McCabe of Tamaqua, for the County of Schuylkill.

Bro. David E. Stout for the Counties of Berks and Montgomery.

Bro. James M. Porter of Easton, for the Counties of Northampton, Carbon and Lehigh.

Bro. Grantham J. Taggert of Sunbury for The Counties of Northumberland, Union, Columbia and Montour.

Bro. Robert A. Lamberton of Harrisburg, for the Counties of Dauphin, Lebanon, York, Franklin and Cumberland.

Bro. John Cresswell, Jr. of Hollidaysburg, for the Counties of Blair, Cambria, Huntingdon and Mifflin.

Bro. James Amer of Centre for the Counties of Clinton, Lycoming and Centre.

Bro. James H. Hailman of Pittsburg for The Counties of Allegheny, Beaver and Westmoreland.

Bro. Robert E. Brown of Kittanning, for the Counties of Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, Jefferson and Lawrence.

Bro. George H. Bull of Towanda, for the Counties of Bradford, Tioga and Wyoming.

Bro. Nathan F. Marsh of Honesdale, for the Counties of Susquehanna and Wayne.

Bro. Thomas Duncan of Fayette, for the Counties of Washington, Green and Fayette.

Bro. Ammi Bond of Conneautsville for the Counties of Crawford, Erie, Mercer and Warren.

Bro. Henry Pettibone of Wilkesbarre, for the County of Luzerne.

Bros. Richard Vaux, S. G. Deacon. William English, Jr., G. Deacon. Joseph T. Thomas and Jeremiah L. Hutchinson, G. Stewards. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. John L. Goddard, G. S. Bearer. H. L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant. William B. Schnider, G. Tyler.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

Bros. Joseph S. Riley, Daniel Thompson, Francis Blackburne, George W. Hufty, Robert Clark.

*See Appendix B.

COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE.

Bros. William Badger, James B. Chandler, Lucius H. Scott.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

Bros. Peter Fritz, A. Bournonville, James Hutchinson, Wm. H. Adams, Robert Frazer.

COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE TRANSACTIONS OF LAST YEAR AND TO SELECT FOR PUBLICATION.

Bros. D. C. Skerrett, John Wagner, Geo. H. Oliver.

HALL COMMITTEE.

Bros. Harman Baugh, Washington Heimberger, Albert B. Ashton, Joseph Moore, Charles Brothers.

COMMITTEE ON LANDMARKS.

Bros. Bayse Newcomb, Samuel H. Perkins, William Barger, James Page, William Whitney.

ALMONERS GRAND LODGE CHARITY FUND.

Bros. Samuel Badger, Geo. Smith, John C. Smith and Wm. W. Thomson.

STEWARDS OF THE STEPHEN GIRARD CHARITY FUND.

Bros. Thos. Graham, Wm. Leach, M. Bouvier, Jno. M. Davenport, Chas. Frishmuth, John H. Casey, Jno. McCloud, Jacob Steiner, E. P. Lescure, Thos. Roney, Wm. E. Ewing, Alex. Purvis, Jos. S. Langer, Jacob Mayer, Jas. Gwyn, Geo. Thomson, Geo. Griscom, Wm. H. Pearson, Jacob H. Squibb, Abm. West, Jno. G. Sharp, A. R. Forring, B. F. Jackson, John Leppein, John Martin, Jno. E. Zeigler, Stephen Taylor, Jno. Cartwright, Jno. W. Horner, Harman Yerkes.

The R. W. G. Secretary appointed Bro. Geo. H. Ashton, Assistant Grand Secretary, which was unanimously approved by the R. W. Grand Lodge.

On motion of Bro. James Page and duly seconded, the following was adopted, to wit:

WHEREAS, the services of Bro. James Hutchinson the late R. W. G. Master of this Grand Lodge, in that high and exalted station, have ceased according to the usage and custom prevailing in this body and he has just retired from the Chair to give place to his successor, duly chosen *therefore be it resolved*, that this Grand Lodge deeply sensible of the important services rendered by Past Grand Master, Bro. Hutchinson, to the Masonic Fraternity of this Jurisdiction in all the stations which he has been called upon to fill cannot part from him officially without the expression of its sincere regard and deep Masonic attachment.

Resolved, that the courteous, dignified and impartial manner of Past Grand Master, Bro. Hutchinson, while in the discharge of his

duties as Grand Master have had a wholesome influence upon the Grand Lodge and will be ever remembered by its members with pride and pleasure.

Resolved, that during his official career the interest of the Grand Lodge have been wisely and providently cared for, the harmony of the Brethren zealously promoted and the good of the order made wider and firmer by his discretion and fraternal Love.

Resolved, that although his official duties have ceased this Grand Lodge cannot but hope that he will continue to aid her by his advice and brotherly counsel in all that concerns her success and the welfare of the craft at large.

Resolved, that the Grand Officers be a committee to present a copy of these resolutions suitably prepared to R. W. P. Grand Master, Bro. James Hutchinson.

On motion of Bro. William English and duly seconded, it was *resolved*, that the address delivered by Past Grand Master, Bro. James Hutchinson, also the address of Brother Peter Williamson, R. W. Grand Master upon taking the Chair be printed.

On motion and seconded, it was also *resolved*, that the proceedings in relation to the ceremonies of dedicating the New Hall on Sept. 26th last be printed and a copy distributed to the members of the Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Master made the following remarks in relation to the New York affairs, to wit:

BRETHREN, Before closing I desire to call your attention to the subject which will engage your consideration at the next meeting of this body which I deem of much importance not only to ourselves but to Masonry generally. The subject to which I allude is the unhappy differences existing among our Brethren in New York. From recent information I feel justified in the belief that the period has now arrived when this Grand Lodge might, with entire propriety and with much prospect of success, offer her mediation to heal and restore the fraternal feeling which has so long separated the two bodies known as the Willard and Phillips Grand Lodges. I have also reason to believe that our position as one of the oldest Grand Lodges would be favorable to the accomplishment of this object and would give us great advantage, added to which the fact of not having prejudged the merits of the controversy by the acknowledgement of either of the bodies, claiming to be the legitimate Grand Lodge of that Jurisdiction would entitle our offer to the reception of much favor and respect. When we reflect upon the benefits which may result by a restoration of fraternal feelings and mutual good understanding between Brethren, who have been so long separated from each other, we cannot be too strongly impressed with the importance of making an effort to accomplish an object so desirable. With this view I suggest and submit the subject to the serious consideration of the members of this Grand Lodge in the hope it will be deemed of sufficient importance to demand an expression of

the opinion of this Grand Body on this important and very interesting subject.

General returns were received from the following Lodges for the year 1855 and ordered to be registered and then filed.

To wit: Lodges Nos. 3, 51, 59, 72, 126, 138, 186, 211, 216, 219, 234, 245, 247, 249, 259, 262, 266, 271, 276, 287 and 289.

Lodge closed in peace at 12½ o'clock, M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 7, 1856, A. L. 5856.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Special Communication, held in the New Hall, Chestnut Street.

Present: Bro. PETER WILLIAMSON, R. W. G. M. Bro. John K. Mitchell, R. W. Dep. G. M. Bro. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. S. G. W. Bro. John Thomson, R. W. J. G. W. Bro. Thomas E. Baxter, R. W. G. Treasurer. Bro. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary. Bro. George H. Ashton, D. G. Sec. Bro. Richard Vaux, S. G. Deacon. Bro. William English, J. G. Deacon. Bro. James W. Martien, G. Marshal. Bro. Chas. Bard Reese, G. Sword Bearer. Bro. Jos. T. Thomas and Bro. J. L. Hutchinson, G. Stewards. Bro. Horace L. Peterson, G. Pursuiv. Bro. James Page, Wm. Whitney, Peter Fritz, Anthony Bournonville, William Barger, P. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Blackburne, Wiler, Thomas. No. 3, Ashton, Brewer, Thomson, English, Padmore. No. 9, Booth, Leach, No. 19, Nicols, Thomas, Cummings, Haswell, Bradley. No. 25, Benezett. No. 51, Shippen, Whitney, Allen, Thomson, Workman. No. 52, Wilson, James, Wilson, Jr., Pearson, Wood. No. 67, Reese, Hemphill, Smith, Baugh, Peirsoll, Martien. No. 71, Frishmuth, Hutchinson. No. 72, Barger, Ashton, Phillips, Thompson, Potter, Brown. No. 91, Brown, Hinchman, Badger. No. 114, Thompson. No. 115, Parker, Heimberger, Wallace, Fulmer. No. 121, Hall, Lennig, Mitchell, See, Peterson, Vaux. No. 125, Steiner, Ziegler, Bournonville, Muckle. No. 126, Nisbet. No. 130, Kirkpatrick, Pearson, Riley, Young, Strickland. No. 131, Penrose, Smith. No. 134, Jackson, Roney, Robbins, Williamson, Murphy, Stocker. No. 155, Martin, Gowie, Bacon, Fritz. No. 158, Rencker, Wetherby, Shields. No. 186, Bigley, Brown, Ziegler, Marple. No. 187, Purvis, Pearson. No. 211, Cartwright. No. 230, Meyers, Langebartle. No. 260, Johnston. No. 271, Hart. No. 289, Phillips. No. 292, Eckles. No. 295, Yerkes, Gilpin, Harper, Elliot.

Proxies: Bros. English, Whitney, Brothers, Thomson, Adams, Pearson, Bournonville, Williamson, Barger, Phillips, Blackburne, Barger, Page, J. L. Hutchinson, Steiner, Cummings, Peterson, Goddard.

Forty Lodges represented, thirty by members and eighteen by proxy.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The remarks made by the R. W. G. Master on Saint John's Day last, in relation to the New York difficulties, was again read by

the Secretary, when Past Grand Master, Bro. James Page offered the following which was on motion unanimously adopted, to wit:

WHEREAS, an unhappy condition of affairs now exist and has existed for some time in the Masonic fraternity of the State of New York.

AND WHEREAS this Grand Lodge has taken no part whatever in the controversy not having recognized either of the bodies claiming to be the Grand Lodge of that state and is therefore in a position to interpose her friendly Offices with a view to the restoration of Masonic harmony in that Jurisdiction, therefore

Resolved, that this Grand Lodge do authorize its R. W. G. Master to appoint four Brethern, himself being the fifth, to constitute a committee in her behalf, to tender her mediation to the two bodies of Masons, referred to in the preamble for the purpose, if possible, of settling and terminating the controversy between them.

Resolved, that in case of their acceptance of such mediation the said Committee shall have full and absolute power to act for this Grand Lodge in the premises, *provided however*, that they shall not proceed in the discharge of their duties unless it be previously stipulated and agreed, that their decision, after fully hearing both parties, shall be considered as the decision of this Grand Lodge and be binding and conclusive upon all concerned. The R. W. G. Master was pleased to appoint Bros. James Page, Samuel Badger, Samuel H. Perkins, William Whitney, R. W. P. G. Masters, and Bro. Peter Williamson the R. W. G. Master, said Committee.

The following report was read by the Chairman of the Building Committee on behalf of said Committee and the Furnishing Committee.

Stating that said communication was not in full, but that at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge the Committee would give a full and detailed statement of each item of expense.

To Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Master of the Grand Lodge of Penna.

R. W. SIR AND BRO., The Building and Furnishing Committees of the New Masonic Hall, Chestnut Street, received a notice on Saturday last that they were called upon to report to the Grand Lodge this evening a full account of the expenditures of each Committee, with the names of the present creditors of the Grand Lodge and the respective amounts of their credits. At so short a notice it is impossible to give so full a statement as the Committees would wish, but they will endeavor to make it as full and explanatory as the time will admit and fortunately the data collected for the use of the R. W. P. G. M. Bro. James Hutchinson for the benefit of the Grand Lodge, on Saint John's Day last will avail the Committee on this occasion. Some of the amounts now quoted as due to various creditors are in abeyance, as the committee do not acknowledge the

full amount but think some of the charges are excessive and claim a deduction accordingly.

The whole cost of the erection of the Hall as shewn by items furnished on Saint John's Day last was	$122,192 49
And the cost of the Furnishing Committee is believed to be	33,497 32
Total	$155,689 81
Of which there has been paid	121,697 05
Leaving unpaid	$33,992 76

Which is due to the following parties:

Jacob S. Price, Carpenter	$11,000 00
School & Faurest, Brown Stone Front	6,350 00
S. & R. S. Wilson, Painting	3,800 00
Sanderson & Son, Furniture	3,431 75
James H. Orne for Carpets and Oil cloth	4,295 58
Cornelius Baker & Co., Gas Fixtures	2,744 50
Parish and Hough, Papering	679 42
Sundry other items	1,691 51
	$33,992 76

Believing this to be correct as near as we can ascertain, we are
Yours &c.,

JAMES PAGE, *Chairman of Building Committee.*
R. P. KING, *Chairman of Furnishing Committee.*
Attest: F. BLACKBURNE, *Sec. Building Committee.*

The R. W. Grand Master stated that the R. W. G. Treasurer-elect having complied with the conditions of his office would now be installed. Which was accordingly done in Ancient Form and Bro. Thos. E. Baxter received the congratulations of the Brethren.

The R. W. Grand Master read the first paragraph of Section 27 folio 150 of the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge and stated that the same would be enforced in the future.

"When five or more Lodges are represented the Grand Master or "other presiding officer takes the chair and upon his call the Breth- "ren take their seats. The Masters or Proxies and P. M's of each "Lodge taking place on the left hand of the Grand Master according "to the seniority of their respective Lodges, &c., &c."

The R. W. Grand Master announced that he had appointed Bro. J. W. Hailman of Pittsburg, D. D. G. M. for the Counties of Allegheny, Beaver and Westmoreland.

David E. Stout of Reading, for the Counties of Berks and Montgomery.

The preamble and resolutions offered by Bro. Jos. S. Riley, Dec. 17, 1855, in relation to appointing a Finance Committee with general supervisionary powers, &c., was called up and read by the Secretary. The foregoing elicited considerable debate and finally was referred to the Committee on the Ahiman Rezon.

The following was offered by Bro. Jos. S. Riley and after considerable discussion was referred to the Committee having in charge the revision of the Ahiman Rezon, to wit:

WHEREAS, at our Annual Election in December last application was then made to the Grand Master by a member who was the proxy for two Lodges to cast a vote in his representative capacity for each Lodge he thus represented and the Grand Master then in the chair decided that he was entitled to cast a vote for each Lodge.

AND WHEREAS, it is the belief of many good and well meaning Brothers that this decision is in conflict with the Letter and spirit of our Ahiman Rezon.

Therefore resolved, that this opinion is contrary to our A. R. and that no member who may hold two or more proxies is not entitled to but one vote in his respective capacity.

On motion of Bro. H. M. Johnston the following was offered and referred to the Committee on the Ahiman Rezon, to wit:

Resolved, that the Committee on the A. R. be respectfully requested to give their attention to the question of the propriety of giving to a proxy the power to cast three votes for any Lodge he may represent.

Bro. Joseph S. Riley tendered his resignation as Chairman and one of the Committee of Finance.

Communications from Lodges No. 134 and No. 9 in relation to certain amendments to the By-laws of said Lodges were read and on motion were referred to the Committee on By-laws.

On motion duly made and seconded the following Brethren were admitted as visitors, to wit: Samuel White, No. 2. Henry Palmer, No. 9. Chas. W. Tracy, Robt. Wilson, No. 19. L. J. Levy, Edw. S. Mawson, No. 121. Thos. H. McAlester, No. 134. Wm. H. Warner, Samuel Eckels, Jr., Geo. Owing, No. 158. Christopher C. Grover, Samuel J. Wright, Henry G. Fulmer, No. 187. Henry Christian, No. 230. John D. Wingate, No. 268; John W. Harley, No. 271. James Lesley, No. 274. John W. Selkirk, No. 289. G. M. Eldridge, No. 51. Robert McEwing, No. 294. John H. Lochland, No. 29, Va. Jas. H. Brown, No. 116, Georgia. Joseph Boise, No. 348, Montreal, Canada. Marcus J. Rosenberg, Mt. Taber Lodge, East Boston; Chas. T. Haskell, Ellsworth Mo.; Jos. Bloom, Amity Lodge, Paris.

No further business presenting itself the Grand Lodge closed in peace at 10 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, March 3, 1856, A. L. 5856.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Quarterly Grand Communication, held in the New Hall.

Present: Bro. PETER WILLIAMSON, R. W. G. M. Bro. John K. Mitchell, R. W. D. G. M. Bro. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. S. G. W. Bro. John Thomson, R. W. J. G. W. Bro. Thomas E. Baxter, R. W. G. Treas. Bro. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary. Bro. George H. Ashton, D. G. Sec. Bro. Richard Vaux, S. G. Deacon. Bro. William English, J. G. Deacon. Bro. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. Bro. John L. Goddard, G. S. Bearer. Bros. Jo. T. Thomas, Herman Yerkes, G. Stewards. Bro. Horace L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant. Bros. William Whitney, Wm. Barger, James Page, Anthony Bournonville, James Hutchinson, R. W. P. G. Masters. Bro. Rev. Peter Van Pelt, G. Chaplain.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Tallman, Oat, Thomas, Mosely, Blackburne, Graham. No. 3, Webb, English, Brewer, Leddy, Ashton, Bilger, Padmore, Martin. No. 9, Kelly, Henderson, Leach, Thorp, Wright. No. 19, Hodges, Nicols, Thornley, Haswell, Thomas, Murphy, Cummings, Cook, Wilson, Hines, Park. No. 25, Benezett, Scott, Kinsey, Downing. No. 43, Howell, Sprenger, McCalla. No. 45, Adair. No. 51, Thomson, Whitney, Allen. No. 52, Wood, Engard, Wilson, Sr., Pearson. No. 59, Adams, Macpherson, Jayne. No. 62, Bell. No. 67, Ward, Hutchinson, Baugh, Loudenslager, Simpson, Reese, Pearson, Martien, Field, Wagner. No. 71, Frishmuth, Jones. No. 72, Barger, Thompson, Ashton, Phillips. No. 81, Mills. No. 91, Mallery, Swain, Hinchman. No. 108, Scott. No. 114, Clark, Thomson, Huddell, Baxter, Stevenson, Thompson, Sharp. No. 115, Walles, McCloud, Supplee, Parker, Phillips, Black, Fulmer, Heimberger. No. 121, Lenning, Vaux, Hall, Mitchell, Peterson, Foering, Le Brun, See. No. 125, Peeler, Steiner, Bournonville, Remak, Ziegler, Maag, Osner. No. 126, Page, Jackson, Dolby, Hand, Nisbet. No. 130, Lescure, Kirkpatrick, Riley, Young, Brown, Strickland, Giller, Pearson, Easby. No. 131, Pearson, Moore, Smith. No. 134, Williamson, Murphy, Booth, Roney, King, Stocker, Goddard. No. 135, McGuigan, DeGrot. No. 155, Glenn, Martin, Allen, Martin. No. 158, Shields, Whetherby. No. 186, Little, Smith, Ziegler, Scattergood, Marple, O'Farrell, Gaskell. No. 187, Purvis. No. 211, Cartwright, Page, Crockett, Lee, Wright, Dorlan, Peall. No. 227, Swartz, Lowe, Diehl. No. 236, Wilkey, Martin. No. 245, Fry, Mann. No. 246, Uhle, Wildey, Jones, Hyneman. No. 258, Bond. No. 271, Mayer. No. 274, Goddard, Sears, Pedrick. No. 283, Bartlett. No. 289, Gwyn, Porter. No. 292, Eckles. No. 295, Harper, Yerkes, Elliot, Gilpin.

Proxies: English, Whitney, Brothers, Wilson, Thompson, Adams, Pearson, Remak, Bournonville, Williamson, Simpson, Barger, King, Phillips, Blackburne, Baugh, Page, Thornley, Steiner, Sharp, Haswell, Cummings, Jas. Hutchinson, Smith, Peterson, Goddard.

Sixty-nine Lodges represented, forty-three by members and twenty-six by proxy.

The Grand Lodge Opened in Ample Form at 6½ o'clock, P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication held December 3, 1855. Extra Communication held December 17, 1855. Annual Communication held Dec. 27, 1855, and of the Special Communication held January 7, 1856, were read and adopted.

A communication from Lodge No. 62, at Reading, Penna., was read appointing Brother F. Lennig a P. M. of Union Lodge No. 121, their proxy. On motion duly made and seconded, the communication was ordered to be filed and Brother Frederick Lennig acknowledged as the proxy for said Lodge.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 43 at Lancaster asking for another Ballot. On motion duly made and seconded, the prayer of the Petitioners was granted.

Communications were read from Lodges Nos. 51, 72, 67, 114 and 115. The foregoing on motion duly made and seconded, were ordered to be entered and filed.

The following communication from a number of the Past Masters of Montgomery Lodge, No. 19, was read, to wit:

To the R. W. G. Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The subscribers, members of Montgomery Lodge, No. 19, respectfully report to your Worshipful body the following circumstance existing in their Lodge.

At the Stated Meeting in Dec. last Bro. —— —— being S. W. was elected W. M. for the ensuing Masonic year, but upon being asked whether he was ready to take upon himself the usual obligation pertaining to the office he declared that he was not and then read his resignation as a member of the Lodge. Bro. Nicols the W. M. kindly expostulated with him against his resigning and requested him to reflect well and not take such a step hastily, &c. Bro. —— replied in substance that he had reflected and was fully prepared and resolved to resign and persisted in giving his resignation to the Lodge. A resolution was then formally offered and seconded, that Bro. ——'s resignation be accepted, the W. M. in due order put the resolution to the Lodge when it was accepted and entered of record on the minutes. At a Stated Meeting in Jan. a resolution was adopted that the R. W. G. Master be requested to give his dispensation for an election for W. M. in place of Bro. —— and for such other offices as may become vacant thereby. At the Stated Meeting in Feb. the W. M. failed to produce the dispensation altho' it was understood and stated in open Lodge that the R. W. G. Master had granted it, and that then it was in readiness for the use of the Lodge but instead the following resolution was offered and carried by 8 majority out of 78 votes, "That the Lodge reconsider and rescind the acceptance of the resignation of Bro. —— ——.

such acceptance being informal and illegal, in consequence of his obligation to serve the Lodge as S. W. for a period beyond that of his resignation. W. M. Bro. Nicols then declared his decision to be that Bro. —— was now again a member of Lodge No. 19 and that his resignation offered and accepted in Dec. was now once more before the Lodge for its action. A motion was then made and seconded, that the whole subject be referred to the Grand Lodge for advice and direction, this motion, W. Master Nicols refused to put to the Lodge and at once summarily closed proceeding upon the subject. The subscribers believe that the action of the Lodge in passing the above resolution to rescind a resignation, &c., &c., to be subversive of a vitally important Landmark of the Order, contrary to the regulation of the Grand Lodge, as lately promulgated by circular upon the readmission of Members, and also to the letter and spirit of the Ahiman Rezon, which says Page 157 "In case of the death, resignation or absence of the W. M., &c.," also Page 162 "a Member of a Lodge ceases to be such by expulsion, suspension or resignation" and Page 168 "By the death, resignation or removal from the Commonwealth of any Elective Grand Officer, &c., his place may be filled by an election," they are also of opinion that the proper and only course for Bro. —— to have pursued after his resignation, if he desired to become a member, should have been by petition in the regular manner, as laid down in the Ahiman Rezon and by the late circular of the Grand Lodge and that the W. M. erred in entertaining the resolution and suffering it go before the Lodge. Believing, also, as they have reason to that the ultimate object of this anomalous, extraordinary, and as they think utterly unmasonic, and illegal proceeding is that Bro. —— (thus declared again a member without his having ever applied to be reinstated and without the ballot necessary for his re-election to membership) is to be installed as W. M. of the Lodge for the present Masonic year.

They respectfully appeal to your worshipful body in the matter so that if error has been committed the wrong may be set right.

Robert J. Park,	Jno. Thornley,
Geo. D. Haswill,	S. S. Bishop,
Geo. Griscom,	John Bradley,
John Reynolds,	H. N. English,
Jno. K. Murphy,	R. R. Hodges,
	Past Masters, Lodge No. 19.

Phil., Feb. 16, 1856.

Bro. Alex. Purvis moved that the matter be referred to a Special Committee. Bro. Nicols wished the foregoing amended "That the Committee be empowered to go farther back than the simple matter contained in the communication just read." On this amendment no action was taken. Bro. Gus. Remak moved to refer to Committee on Landmarks. This amendment was withdrawn. Bro.

Remak then moved that the facts be referred to a Special Committee. The question was then put and carried.

Bro. Jos. S. Riley then moved that Bro. —— —— be suspended from his powers as W. M. of Lodge No. 19 until the whole subject is reported and acted on in the Grand Lodge. This was agreed to. The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bros. Wm. Whitney, Anthy. Bournonville, D. C. Skerritt, Lucius H. Scott and Alexander Purvis on said Committee.

Communication from Lodge No. 135, on motion was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A communication from Lodge No. 186 was read. Also an appeal from Lodge No. 186. On motion was referred to a Special Committee. The R. W. G. Master was pleased to appoint Bros. James Simpson, Peter F. Laws and John L. Young on said Committee.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 225 (held at Greensburg, Westmoreland County, Penna.), in relation to a monument to be erected to General Arthur Saint Clair. On motion the whole subject was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 274, West Philada., in relation to the exclusion of Bro. —— —— as a visitor to said Lodge, on account of his having unlawfully signed the name of two recommenders to an application for Initiation and Membership. Also, setting forth the election of Bro. William T. Sears, Senior Warden, in the place of Bro. Jos. W. Cowen, deceased, upon a Dispensation granted by the R. W. Grand Master. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication from Lodge No. 268 was read. On motion the whole subject was referred to a Special Committee. The R. W. G. Master was pleased to appoint Bros. William Barger, R. H. Campbell and Edwd. Robins on said Committee.

Copies of the By-laws of the following Lodges were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws, to wit: Nos. 108, 130, 211, 230, 234, 246, 252, 268.

An application from a number of Brethren at Cannonsburg, Penna. was read asking for a Charter to hold a Lodge at that place. Also an application was read from a number of Brethren for a Charter to hold a Lodge at Media, Delaware County, Penna. Both of the foregoing applications were referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

Printed lists of the names of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodges of Louisiana, Minnesota, Vermont, Illinois, Mississippi. Also the printed proceedings of the following Grand Lodges, to wit: District of Columbia, North Carolina, Virginia, Ohio, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Kentucky, were received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

General Returns were received from the following subordinate Lodges since Dec. 27, 1855, as follows: from Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 21, 22, 25, 43, 52, 61, 67, 71, 75, 91, 106, 108, 114, 115, 121, 125, 130, 131, 134,

135, 152, 155, 158, 187, 190, 194, 197, 203, 218, 221, 222, 224, 226, 229, 230, 231, 235, 236, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 250, 251, 252, 255, 256, 258, 261, 263, 264, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 282, 283, 284, 286, 290, 294, 298. In all seventy-one Lodges which were on motion ordered to be entered, registered and filed.

A communication was read from —— —— appealing from a vote of rejection in Saint John's Lodge, No. 115. On motion duly made and seconded, was referred to a special Committee. The R. W. Grand Master appointed Bros. Mathew Cartwright, Jno. Alexander Simpson and Chas. Bard Reese on said Committee.

The R. W. Grand Master addressed the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna. Brethren, It is my intention in conducting the business of the Grand Lodge to adhere strictly to the regulations laid down in the Ahiman Rezon with the addition of a stated period for the consideration of unfinished business. That after reading the minutes of preceding quarterly and intervening meetings, the first business in order will be, petitions and communications, read and referred.

2nd. Reports of Standing Committees which will be called for in regular order as follows:

1. Com. of Finance. 2. Com. of Correspondence. 3. Com. on By-laws. 4. Com. to Examine transactions, &c. 5. Com. on Hall. 6. Com. on Landmarks. 7. Com. of Almoners G. L. C. F. 8. Stewards Girard C. F.

3rd. Reports of Special Committees.

4th. General Returns from Lodges.

5th. Unfinished business.

6th. New Business.

This course I deem necessary in order that the Brethren may have an opportunity afforded for the introduction at the stated time and be prepared to act upon any business which may be presented, especially those who have been appointed on the different committees. From the pressure of business it has not unfrequently happened that important matters entrusted to committees has never been reached and consequently no reports have been made and much dissatisfaction has resulted. And altho' it is my intention to close the Grand Lodge at every meeting at or before the hour of 10 o'c., yet if the business in order as herein stated cannot be reached at any one meeting, adjourned meetings will be held as frequent as may be necessary to complete and finish whatever may remain.

The following report from the Committee on Finance was read and approved, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee of Finance beg leave to report, that they have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer for the Quarter ending Dec. 31, 1855, and subit herewith the following statement shewing the Receipts and Expenditures during that period.

RECEIPTS.

Bal. in hands of G. Treasurer as per last report	$521 50
" from Subordinate Lodges	3,964 62
" from D. D. G. M.	272 07
" " Grand Chapter	500 00
" Interest Grand Lodge Loan	475 00
" Rent of New Hall	1,075 00
" Rent of Old Hall	89 67
" New Warrant No. 296	81 00
" Insurance returned	69 13
" Dispensations, Certificates, &c., &c., from G. Sec.,	544 00
Total	$7,591 99

PAYMENTS.

Cash paid Dedicating Committee	$339 64	
" " Hall Committee	1,462 46	
" " Renting Committee	150 61	
" " G. Sec. Bills	147 73	
" " " " Salary	312 50	
" " Int. on G. L. Loans	3,500 00	
" " Wm. H. Horstman	381 13	
" " E. Gaskill, binding and books	52 29	
" " J. B. Irvins	16 00	
" " Lodge No. 281	100 00	
" " Grand Treas. bills	1 82	
" Bal. on hand with G. T.	1,127 81	
Making		$7,591 99

Receipts exceeding expenditures $606.39.
All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRAN. BLACKBURNE, WILLIAM WHITNEY,
ROBERT CLARK, GEO. W. HUFTY,
DANL. THOMPSON, *Committee of Finance.*

The Finance Committee beg leave to report, that in the prosecution of their duty in examining and supervising the finances of the Grand Lodge they have been surprised at finding so large an amount owing by the subordinate Lodges and in order to bring the matter properly before the Grand Lodge they submit the annexed Exhibit marked A, setting forth the amounts in detail. By this exhibit it will be seen that there is now due to the Grand Lodge $5167.50 of dues incurred previous to last year and $7153.85 of last year's dues unpaid, making $12,321.35 of total dues owing from the subordinate Lodges and this is not all, for there are fifty-six Lodges who have not yet made their returns for last year. Even in times of great financial

prosperity it would be bad management to suffer so large an amount of indebtedness to accumulate but in the present condition of the G. L. the matter assumes a more serious aspect. The Ahiman Rezon requires that the Returns to the Grand Lodge shall be made before the 1st day of March and a Lodge in arrears for two years suffers a suspension of its Warrant. These requirements appear to have been lost sight of and the Committee deem it proper to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to this matter.

By order of the Committee.

WILLIAM WHITNEY, *Chairman.*

Exhibit A filed in the Archives of the Grand Lodge with Grand Treasurer's accounts.

The following resolution was offered by the Committee of Finance and adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that the R. W. G. Master be authorized to draw his warrant on the Grand Treasurer for the amount of the interest coming due on April 1st, 1856, on the Loan of 1855 (50,000).

An application for a Charter to hold a Lodge in the City of Philada. was read. After discussion it was finally agreed to lay the application on the table.

The following communication from a Committee appointed by the Grand Chapter was read. When on motion it was agreed that the Grand Lodge assent thereto provided the same be made under the supervision of the R. W. Grand Master. Agreed to.

PHILADA., March 3, A. D. 1856, A. L. 5856.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The undersigned the Committee appointed under the following resolution of the M. E. G. H. R. Arch Chapter of Penna.

"*Resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to make certain altera-
"tions in the eastern portion of the Grand Chapter Room at the
"Expense of the Grand Chapter, the R. W. G. L. assenting thereto."

Respectfully present the same for the consideration of the Grand Lodge and request its assent to said alterations to be made at the expense of the Grand Chapter and thereby the better enable the subordinate Chapters to conduct their work.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, A. E. STOCKER, WM. ENGLISH, *Committee.*

The following report from the Committee on By-laws was read and adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report: that they have examined the By-laws submitted to them and would recommend that the amendment to the By-laws of Lodges Nos. 9 and 108 be approved.

That it is the opinion of your Committee that all regulations in

reference to banquets should be confined to resolutions of the Lodge and should not be introduced into the By-laws and be thereby made public, they therefore recommend that Art. X of the amendments to the By-laws of Lodge No. 134 in reference to banquet, be stricken out; that the words "two-thirds" be stricken from the Article in amendments and the words "a majority" be substituted therefor, and that said amendments be then approved.

That the amendments to the By-laws of No. 211 be approved.

That the amendment to the By-laws of Lodge No. 230 be so altered as to read That the Initiation Fee of this Lodge be raised from $25 to $40, ten dollars thereof to accompany the Petition and the residue to be paid on receiving the first degree, and that said By-laws be then approved.

That the words "whose members do not exceed three in number" be stricken from Art. VI of the By-laws of Lodge No. 234.

That the words "place of nativity" be stricken from Art. XII; that the words "or a majority of them" be stricken from Art. XIII; that Art. XVII be stricken out and the following substituted therefor "Any member in arrears to the Lodge for more than 12 months dues may be suspended or expelled after having received due notice of said indebtedness and the intended action of the Lodge thereon and the time fixed therefor should he neglect or refuse to pay the same;" that the form of petition for Initiation and Membership and recommendations annexed to said By-laws be stricken out and the Lodge be directed to conform to the forms authorized by this Grand Lodge as set forth in the Ahiman Rezon and that said By-laws be then approved.

That the amendments to the By-laws of Lodge No. 246 be approved.

That the words "nominate and with the consent of the Lodge" be stricken from Art. V of the By-laws of Lodge No. 252 and the word "shall" be introduced in place thereof. That from the last clause of Art. VI be introduced the words "It is recommended" changing said clause from one prohibition to one of recommendation not to institute actions of law against Brethren until after a reference to the Lodge. That Sections 6, 7 and 8 of Art. VII be stricken out and the following substituted: "The fees for Initiation and Membership shall in all cases be paid in advance and shall be as follows: For the Three Degrees by Dispensation, $26; Membership on an E. A., $10; a F. C., $5; a M. M., $1.

That the words "shall be suspended" be stricken from Sec. 1, Art. VIII, and the words "may be suspended or expelled" be substituted. That the words "two-thirds" be stricken from Sec. 3, Art. XIV, and the words "a majority" be substituted. That to the Rules of Order there be added the following: "These Rules of Order may be dispensed with by the presiding Officer and that said By-laws be then approved.

That Secs. 5 and 6 of Art. II and Sec. 2 of Art. IX be stricken from the By-laws of Lodge No. 268. That to Art. X be Added the following: "For Membership conferred on an E. A., $20; a F. C., $10; a M. M., $1."

That the words "or sit in the Lodge" be stricken from Art. XIV and that said By-laws be then approved.

That Article 3 and 4 of the amendments to By-laws of Lodge No. 130 be stricken out and that said amendments be then approved.

Respectfully submitted.

Signed by the Committee on By-laws.

The Committee of Finance further reported, to wit:

That in attending to the duty assigned to them they find two items of unfinished business remaining over from last year, to wit:

The applications of Sunbury Lodge No. 22 and of Western Crawford Lodge, No. 258, both for a remission of their dues. With regard to the application of Sunbury Lodge, No. 22, after some correspondence a letter was received from the W. M. which is appended to this report, in which after some explanations he says, "my impression "is that we will not give the Committee the trouble to consider "our case," and this of course terminated the labors of the Committee so far as Sunbury Lodge was concerned. With regard to the petition of Western Crawford Lodge a correspondence took place between the Committee and the W. M. of the Lodge in which the facts were fully elicited, "the said correspondence being appended to this report." And after due consideration the Committee has come to the conclusion that the remission of dues is unadvisable except in extreme cases. They however think that the circumstances under which Lodge No. 258 present their petition are entitled to consideration and deem it within the province of the Grand Lodge to grant them relief in another manner the amount of dues owing by them up to last Saint John's Day is $336 and they recommend a donation to them of $250. With these corrections they submit the adoption of the following resolutions by the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, that the Finance Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Sunbury Lodge, No. 22.

Resolved, that the Finance Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Western Crawford Lodge, No. 258, and that in view of their difficulties as set forth in their petition a donation be granted them of $250 on payment of their dues.

WILLIAM WHITNEY, *Chairman.*

On motion the report was approved and the resolutions attached thereto adopted.

The following report was read, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania.

The Building and Furnishing Committees respectfully report, that

the New Masonic Hall is now finished and the necessary decorations and furniture placed in the Building. The erection of the Temple was commenced on the 29th day of September, 1853, and the same completed and dedicated on the 26th day of September, 1855. The Furnishing Committee was appointed on the 4th day of September, 1854, but the interior of the building not being sufficiently advanced they did not proceed in the discharge of their duties until the 20th of December, 1854. From that day up to the 17th of August, 1855, the two Committees moved separately, but were then blended, it being found best for the interests of the Order that they should act in concert. In the erection of the New Hall the Building Committee as per exhibit No. 1 have drawn orders upon the Grand Treasurer for $109,415.35 exclusive of the sum of $14,189.18 as per Exhibit No. 3 an expenditure common to both Committees where it is difficult to say what portion is fairly chargeable to each assuming $7,094.59 half the amount as legitimately belonging to building purposes and adding the sum of $8,980 still unsettled and unpaid it would make the whole cost of erecting $125,489.94. Besides these sums however the Building Committee have paid $6,024.19 for damages, cost of party walls, Architect's salary and Superintendent's compensation; which were not included in the original estimate, nor do they strictly belong to the Building Fund. The old material was principally considered and turned to account in the contracts of the several mechanics and all the benefit and advantage derived therefrom that could be realized. The whole outlay for the erection of the entire superstructure considering all the items as properly chargeable will be $131,514.13 and shewing an excess of expenditures beyond the original estimate of nearly $32,000. This excess has been caused by the various changes which were made during the progress of the work some of them unavoidable and others of them deemed essentially necessary by the Architect. The most prominent of these was the constructing of the stores according to the desires of the Fraternity in such a way as to render them as far as possible fire-proof. This could only be and was done by arching the ceilings to give a firm support to the base of the arches, a strong and massive frame work of iron had to be built in the walls so that the lower story of the building is firmly linked together by solid braces of this material. The difference in the expense of erection caused by this change alone was fully $10,000, and there were about $7,000 more required for extra carpenter work, done under the directions of the Architect and $2,000 for additional granite work. The building from the start having been greatly strengthened in all its parts from what was originally designed when the size, extent, durability and finish of the New Hall are considered, rendering it an ornament to the city and making it the pride of the Fraternity here, as well as abroad, as it is not believed to be parallel any where in the Masonic World, the excess

will not be considered as unreasonable. So splendid an edifice required a corresponding outlay for its interior decoration and for furnishing and making available and comfortable its large and numerous halls, saloons and committee rooms, solid and imposing without, it is grand and beautiful within. The amount expended by the Furnishing Committee as per exhibit No. 2 is $32,199.51. If to this be added $7,094.59 half of the amount of bills common to both Committees, the total of their expenses will be $39,294.10 making the whole cost of building and furnishing $170,808.23. The balance due the several creditors have been agreed upon and settled with five exceptions, School and Faurest for brown-stone front, Jos. B. Vallee, hanging bells, Thos. E. Baxter and J. C. Howell for iron work, and J. H. Olton for carving. The total of these claims will be when properly adjusted under $9,000. School and Faurest has filed a lien for $6,393.97 which is more than is due them. Certain other liens have been filed against the building of all which are marked satisfied save one standing in the name of Rosevelt & Co. of New York for $318.75 for glass alleged to have been furnished Wm. D. Jones on the credit of the building. The validity of this lien is denied by Mr. Jones who has been fully paid for all his labors and materials. The Building Committee have since their organization kept full and perfect minutes of all their proceedings. These with the many contracts entered into with the mechanics and workmen together with all other papers appertaining to their trust as well as to the trust of the Furnishing Committee will be handed over according to the direction of the Grand Lodge. They will be found to contain much useful and valuable information and should be preserved among the archives of the Order for future reference and as possessing great interest not only for ourselves but for those who are to come after us to work in and admire the Temple we have raised. The duties of the Building Committee have been of a laborious and responsible character, while they do not believe they have entirely escaped error, they cannot but hope that the result of their efforts in so vast a project satisfies the Fraternity at large and their duties have been performed in a way to meet with the approbation of the Grand Lodge. The orders drawn by the Committees and yet outstanding are believed, as per exhibit No. 4, to amount to $10,816.97 add to this the sum of $9,000, yet unsettled as per same exhibit, and it shews a total of $19,816.97 for which provision should be made. The two Committees having brought their duties with the slight exceptions named to a conclusion ask to be discharged their continuance being no longer necessary.

Respectfully submitted.

Signed, JAMES PAGE, *Chairman, Building Committee.*
MARCH 3, 1856. R. P. KING, *Chairman of Furnishing Committee.*

EXHIBIT No. 1 referred to in the foregoing Report.

Building Committee.

Carpenter Work	$25,702 50
Bricklayer	14,967 17
Brown Stone Front	14,816 00
Iron Work	15,703 74
Plasterer	7,724 90
Painter	7,703 52
Digging	6,765 59
Granite Work	4,815 81
Galvanized Iron and Tin Work	2,878 23
Hardware	1,970 00
Foundation Stone Work	1,670 79
Plumbing	1,601 91
Hauling and Hoisting	1,027 88
Gas Piping	606 44
Carving	346 00
Sundry other Items	1,114 87
	$109,415 35

EXHIBIT No. 2.

Furnishing Committee.

Furniture, Desks, &c.	$8,412 84
Painting, Frescoing and otherwise	6,500 00
Carpets and Oil Cloths	4,295 58
Furnaces, &c.	3,299 46
Chandeliers and Gas Fixtures	2,866 58
Carpenter Work	1,675 10
Upholstering	1,635 58
Sculpture	1,628 00
Paper Hanging	679 42
Plasterer	300 00
Sundry Smaller Items	900 95
	$32,199 51

EXHIBIT No. 3.

Common to both Committees.

Carpenter work principally pedestals, pillars and other ornamental work in Grand Lodge Room	$11,107 53
Painting	3,081 65
	$14,189 18

EXHIBIT No. 4.

List of orders on the Grand Treasurer which are believed to be still unpaid.

Jacob S. Price	$6,804 40
Charles Busher	328 00
S. and R. S. Wilson	1,096 10
Moore and Webster	300 00
Masters & Tomlinson	1,356 69
	$10,816 97

Statement of Accounts unsettled.

School and Faurest	$6,266 00
J. C. Howell	1,564 00
Thos. E. Baxter	103 00
J. Hare Otten	1,062 00
J. B. Tallee	85 00
	$8,980 00

AMOUNTS PAID NOT STRICTLY BELONGING TO THE BUILDING FUND.

Damages Incurred	$160 64
Party Wall	2,083 55
Architect	2,000 00
Superintendent	1,780 00
	$6,024 19

On motion the Furnishing Committee were discharged.

The Building Committee continued and action on report postponed until the next Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge.

On motion duly made and seconded the following named Brethren were admitted as visitors during the evening, to wit: Bros. Henry A. Burton, No. 2; George Lendrim, No. 9; Jno. McGinnis, Wm. J. Phillips, Jesse R. Ball, H. V. Tomlinson, No. 19; E. A. Hasler, No. 21; Thos. C. Headley, No. 25; Wm. Woodside, J. Wm. Hoffman, No. 51; Timothy Morrissey, No. 62; Stephen Coulter, No. 72; Peter Spier, No. 115; Ward B. Haseltine, No. 121; I. M. Goline, No. 126; Leonard R. Bett, No. 126; S. Williams, No. 131; Jas. Halbustade, No. 158; Jos. H. Boswell, Thos. H. Rockwell, Jno. Simmons, No. 186; Jas. S. Page, Jno. Dickson, No. 211; Jno. G. Michner, No. 240; Jos. Wood, Jr., No. 271; Alex. C. Garvin, No. 274; Sam'l F. Lewis, No. 14, N. J.; John Miller, No. 25, Ky.; S. P. Kinsey, No. 55, Ky.; Thos. McCulloch, No. 89, Tenn.

No further business presenting itself the Grand Lodge closed in peace to meet on Monday the 17th instant at 6 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

ST. PATRICK'S DAY, PHILA., March 17th, 1856, A. L. 5856.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Communication, held in New Hall.

Present: Bro. PETER WILLIAMSON, R. W. G. M. Bro. John K. Mitchell, R. W. G. M. Bro. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. S. G. W. Bro. John Thomson, R. W. J. G. W. Bro. Thomas E. Baxter, R. W. G. Treas. Bro. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec. Bro. Geo. H. Ashton, Dep. G. Sec. Bro. Richard Vaux, S. G. Deacon. Bro. James Simpson, J. G. Deacon, *p. t.* Bro. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. Bro. John L. Goddard, G. Sword Bearer. Bros. Jos. T. Thomas and H. Yerkes, G. Stewards. Bro. H. L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant. Bro. Kingston Goddard, G. Chaplain. Bros. Cornelius Stevenson, Samuel H. Perkins, James Page, Peter Fritz, William Whitney, and Anthy. Bournonville, R. W. P. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Wilson, Blackburne. No. 3, Webb, Padmore, Martin, Ashton. No. 9, Cook, Thorp, Brothers. No. 19, Cook, Haswell, Griscom, Bradley, Nichols, Thornley, Thomas, Hodges, Park, Cummings. No. 25, Scott, Benezett. No. 43, Adair. No. 51, Thomson. No. 52, Davis, Wilson, Wood, Wilson, Sr., Pearson. No. 59, Adams. No. 67, Baugh, Martien, Wagner, Loudenslager, Simpson, Piersol, Griffith, Smith. No. 71, Frismuth, Bladen, Bambury, Levering. No. 72, Fox, Chase, Stevenson, Thompson, Ashton, Spering, O'Harra, Phillips, Brown. No. 81, Miles. No. 91, Perkins, S. C. Perkins, Mallery, Hinchman. No. 114, Stevenson, Thomson, Hinckel, Huddell, Clark, Benner, Baxter. No. 115, Heimberger, McCloud, Wallace, Fulmer. No. 121, Foering, Lenning, Vaux, Mitchell, Hall. No. 125, Muckle, Steiner, Bournonville, Remak, Peeler, Kinsell. No. 126, Page, Simpson, Nisbet. No. 130, Riley, Lescure, Young, Kirkpatrick, Strickland. No. 131, Moore, Matlack. No. 134, Goddard, Ogden, Williamson, Robbins, Jackson. No. 155, Martin, Ruan, Fritz, Gowie, Allen. No. 158, Shields, Reneker, Oliver. No. 186, Little, O'Farrell, Marple, Fletcher. No. 187, Parsons, Purvis. No. 211, Crocket, Dorlan, Cart-Wright, Lee, McCully. No. 230, Meyers. No. 245, Carr. No. 246, Wildey, Hyneman. No. 274, Goddard, Pedrick. No. 289, Gwin, Loughead, Phillips. No. 292, Eccles, Murphy. No. 295, Elliot, Yerkes, Gilpin. No. 296, Griffith.

Proxies: Bros. Peter Williamson, Phillips, Adams, Whitney, Brothers, Lennig, Thomson, Pearson, Remak, Bladen, Baugh, Page, Thornley, Sterner, Haswell, Cummings, Peters, Hyneman, Goddard.

Fifty-seven Lodges represented, thirty-six by members and twenty-one by proxy.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at 6½ o'clock, P. M.

The R. W. G. Master stated as follows:

Brethren, in closing the Grand Lodge at the last Stated Meeting to meet on the following Monday I was under a misapprehension in regard to the occupancy of the rooms which I afterwards found

were all engaged for that Evening, and consequently was obliged to postpone the meeting until this Evening of which notice was accordingly given. The business will now be resumed at the point to which we had arrived on closing. The first in order being reports from Special Committees.

The following report was read and on motion was approved and ordered to be entered and filed, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Renting the Stores in the New Masonic Hall respectfully report, that there has been no change in the tenants. The fourth store remains unoccupied. As per statement annexed is the amount received since report made in December last, which covers in full all of the indebtedness due the Grand Lodge from the stores now rented to this day, which has been handed over to the Grand Treasurer. All of which is respectfully submitted to the R. W. Grand Lodge.

(Signed) JAMES SHIELDS, WASHINGTON HEIMBERGER,
HARMAN BAUGH, GUS. REMAK,

MARCH 15, 1856. *Committee.*

Amount received from the tenants.

1856.		
Jan. —,	J. Stewart De Puey Due Dec. 25	$208 33
" —,	John Marsh " " "	208 33
" 25,	J. Stewart De Puey due this day	208 33
Feb. 1,	John Marsh " Jan. 25	208 33
" 8,	W. H. Caryell due 1st inst	625 00
" 25,	J. Stewart De Puey due this day	208 33
Mar. 6,	John Marsh due Feb. 25	208 33
		$1,874 98

1856.					
Jan. 12,	Thos. E. Baxter	G. T.		$416 66	
Feb. 11,	"	do.	do.,	416 66	
" 11,	"	do.	do.,	625 00	
Mar. 15,	"	do.	do.,	416 66	
					$1,874 98

A report was called for from the Committee to revise the Ahiman Rezon. Bro. W. Whitney the Chairman of said Committee reported progress and asked to be continued. Which was granted.

The Committee of Mediation in the New York difficulties was called when the Chairman made the following statement and said Committee were continued.

The Committee on the Grand Lodges of New York respectfully report, that they have sent copies of the preamble and resolutions

adopted by this Grand Lodge to the Bodies above named the receipt of which have been severally acknowledged, one of them agreeing to accept mediation provided the other does upon the terms stated. The other of them not having as yet acted in the premises.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES PAGE, *Chairman.*

MAR. 17, 1856.

The case of Bro. —— —— and Lodge No. 130 was called.

Bro. P. Fritz Reported progress. When after some considerable discussion said Committee was continued.

The Committee on Communication from Lodge No. 60 not making report were continued.

The Committee in the case of Lodge No. 199 and the expulsion of a Brother was called upon to report. No report ready, were continued.

The Committee on the Appeal of —— —— was called on for a report. No report ready, were continued.

The following report was read, to wit:

To the R. W. G. M., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. —— —— from the decision of Mt. Lebanon Lodge, No. 226, report, that after having obtained a copy of the proceedings in the case under the seal of the Lodge and which copy is hereunto annexed summoned Bro. —— and the Officers of the Lodge to appear before them on the Evening of the 2nd day of Feb. last. When in compliance with said summons Bro. —— appeared and the Lodge was represented by P. G. M., Bro. James Page. In the course of the investigation it was made fully evident that all the difficulties in the case had their origin in politics in the proceedings of the Lodge. Bro. —— —— charges —— ——, a M. Mason and a member of this Lodge with having pledged his sacred obligation as a Mason to an untruth and to what he at the time knew to be false and that this was done to other Members of the Lodge. Bro. W. W. Murry, W. M. of the Lodge, gave the following testimony to wit: I have had frequent conversations with —— —— relative to the order of Know Nothing. He knew my views on that subject. After his nomination for the Legislature last Fall I asked him as a R. A. Mason whether he was a Know Nothing and he pledged his Masonic faith that he was not. At a subsequent conversation I asked him as a Mason whether he would support Cameron if elected, he replied I will. I then said I would oppose him. —— replied perhaps I have misunderstood you. I replied possibly you may, but I asked a plain question and I want a plain answer. I think we had each other by the grip of an E. A. M. I then on the same square asked whether he would support Cam-

eron for U. S. S. his reply was if elected I will oppose him in caucus. I then checked him by saying that I desired to insert a word Democratic Caucus he replied certainly, &c., &c. I know that he has violated his Masonic obligation in this respect, inasmuch as he did not attend said Democratic Caucus in fact voted for Cameron throughout.

Bro. L. Lemberger in his testimony before the Lodge stated that in a conversation he had with ——, who asked him for his support, that he told —— it was said he was a Know Nothing. —— answered by saying you may take my word and honor as a gentleman, as a Mason, by my Masonic obligation under the Compass and Square that I do not, never did, and never will belong to the Know Nothing's or to a secret political society. Bro. —— in his vindication solemnly stated that the time he had the conversation with the W. M. of the Lodge Bro. ——, who in questioning him, put him under his Masonic obligations was prior to the election and that he did not become a member of the American Party, until after his election and during his residence in Harrisburg. He further stated that some years back he was in great difficulties when General Cameron loaned him sufficient funds without surety which enabled him to pass through them honourably, that under the circumstances he felt desirous to evince his gratitude and voted for him in the Legislature. As regards the testimony of Bro. ——, Bro. —— solemnly declared that he did not use the words "Never will" but that the words he made use of were "I think I never will" he said he could not be so insane as to give a solemn pledge that under no circumstances he would never change his political opinions. Your committee are of opinion that the R. W. G. Lodge ought to put forth a strong and decided adict against all members of the Order, no matter how high their position might be, who drag Masonry into the political arena and attempt to bind men to political acts by placing them under their Masonic obligations. And that Bro. —— —— the W. M. of Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 226, acted in a very reprehensible manner when he questioned Bro. —— under his Masonic obligations as regards his political connections and future political course and is deserving of censure. After a patient and full investigation of the case, Bro. —— having no corroborative testimony to offer your Committee offer the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, that the action of Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 226, in expelling —— ——, a Master Mason and late a member of said Lodge be and the same is hereby confirmed.

D. C. Skerritt, Edward Strickland, *Committee.*

March 3d, 1856.

The foregoing elicited considerable discussion portions of the report again read and re-read. When P. G. Master, Bro. Samuel H. Perkins presented the following Resolution, to wit:

Resolved, that the report of the Committee on Appeal of Bro. —— be recommitted to the same Committee. With instructions to report a resolution censuring the action of the Brother exacting the pledge and of the Brother giving it. And that the whole proceeding of Lodge No. 226 in the foregoing case be quashed. And Brother —— reinstated. On motion of Bro. Fox the foregoing resolution was divided into four parts. Which was agreed to. The first and second parts were separately brought before the Grand Lodge and were adopted and combined read as follows:

Resolved, that the Report of the Committee on appeal of Brother —— be recommitted to the same Committee with instructions to report a resolution censuring the action of the Brother exacting the pledge and of the Brother giving it. The third clause was then put to the Grand Lodge and the R. W. G. Master being unable to decide, a division aws called for and the Marshal reported 47 voting for and 64 against the adoption of said clause. The fourth clause was then put in relation to the reinstatement of Bro. ——. A division being called for the vote stood as follows 40 for and 62 against the adoption of said clause.

The following report was then read, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee appointed under a resolution of the Grand Lodge at their Communication March 3rd to whom was referred the appeal of several Past Masters of Montgomery Lodge, No. 19, in relation to the action of that Lodge at their Stated Meetings in December, January and February last beg leave to submit the following report. Your committee have held several meetings and have endeavored to arrive at a full and correct understanding of the whole facts of the case submitted to them under the resolution of the Grand Lodge. To this end they have examined fully the minutes as recorded by their Secretary, of the doings of that Lodge at the periods above stated besides examining several witnesses in the case, who were members of the Lodge, and present at the time the transactions took place, complained of in the appeal. The appeal states as follows at the Stated Meeting in December last Bro. B. F. Karrick being Senior Warden was elected W. M. for the ensuing Masonic year, but upon being asked whether he was ready to take upon himself the usual obligation pertaining to the office, he declared that he was not and then read his resignation as a member of the Lodge.

"After being expostulated with by the W. M. and still persisting in offering his resignation," a resolution was then formally offered and seconded, that Bro. Karrick's resignation be accepted. The W. M. in due order put the question and it was accepted and entered of record on their minutes. At the Stated Meeting in January a resolution was adopted that the R. W. G. Master be requested to give his dispensation for the election of a W. M. in place of Bro. Karrick, &c.

At the Stated Meeting in February the W. M. failed to produce the Dispensation, although it was understood and stated in the lodge, that the R. W. G. M. had granted it, and that it was in readiness for the use of the Lodge. But instead, the following resolution was offered and carried by 8 majority, "That the Lodge reconsider and rescind the acceptance of the resignation of Bro. B. F. Karrick's. Such acceptance being informal and illegal in consequence of his obligation to serve the Lodge as Senior W. for a period beyond that of his resignation." W. M., Bro. Nicols then declared his decision to be that Bro. Karrick was now again a member of Lodge No. 19. Your Committee will first take up that portion which relates to the Lodge accepting the resignation of Bro. B. F. Karrick at their Stated meeting in Dec. It appears that Bro. Karrick was elected by a majority of the votes in Lodge No. 19, W. M. for the ensuing Masonic Year, after the Lodge had got through with the election of their other officers, Bro. Karrick was asked by the W. M. if he was ready to take upon himself the usual obligation pertaining to the office, to which he replied, he was not and immediately read his resignation as a member of the Lodge which was accepted and recorded on the Book of Minutes. A question here seems to have arisen in the minds of some members of the Order, whether Bro. Karrick at that time had a right to resign his membership or whether the Lodge had the power to accept it, under the circumstances, for the reason that his term of office as Senior Warden had not then expired. The A. R. certainly contemplates that cases of this kind might arise both in a subordinate as well as the G. L., for in the A. R., Page 156, it says "in case of the death, resignation or absence of the Master, &c.," and on page 168 it says, "on the death, resignation or removal from the Commonwealth of any Elective G. O., &c." It is therefore plain that the framers of our Constitution contemplated that cases might arise where a Brother filling an Elective office, either in the Grand or a subordinate Lodge, might feel it imperative on him to resign from the Lodge for reasons which he might consider good and sufficient. If therefore Bro. Karrick at the time of tendering his resignation had complied with all the requirements of the By-laws, he not only had the right to offer his resignation but your committee think it was their bounden duty to accept it. The next point in the appeal to which your Committee will now refer is in relation to what took place in Lodge No. 19 at their Stated Meeting in January. Their Minutes shew that a resolution was offered and adopted, that the R. W. G. M. be requested to grant a Dispensation authorizing Lodge No. 19 to hold an election for W. M. in place of Bro. Karrick and to fill any other offices which might become vacant, thereby this action on the part of the Lodge the Committee consider perfectly correct and proper and it is all that took place in Lodge No. 19 at that meeting which is referred to in the subject matter of the appeal. The next and most important point

under consideration by your Committee is in relation to what transpired in Lodge No. 19 at their Stated Meeting in Feb. The appeal states that the W. M. failed to produce the Dispensation "tho" it was understood and stated in open Lodge that the R. W. G. M. had granted it, and that then it was in readiness for the use of the Lodge. There was no evidence before your Committee to shew that the Dispensation as stated in the appeal was then in readiness for the use of the Lodge, or that the R. W. G. M. had even issued it. There was proof however that the Dispensation was so far completed that it only required the signature of the Grand Master and had the proper officer of Lodge No. 19 called for it, no doubt it would have been given for the use of the Lodge. Instead of this however, it seems from their Minutes, that they reconsidered and rescinded the resolution of the Lodge, accepting the resignation of Bro. Karrick, whereupon the W. M. declared him again a Member and then a special Meeting of the Lodge was called on the first of March and Bro. Karrick was as their Minutes represent installed W. M. for the present Masonic year. In these two last named acts your committee are clearly and unanimously of the opinion that Lodge No. 19 acted contrary to the Ahiman Rezon and Rules and Regulations of this Grand Lodge. They believe that the true and only course for that Lodge now to pursue is to retrace her steps and begin again where they stood immediately after passing the resolution at their January meeting, asking for a Dispensation from the Grand Master to hold another election for W. M. The Committee believe that if this course is adopted and acted on the Lodge may at an early day have all her elective offices filled, that her regular labors may be proceeded with and if all her members are governed by that true Masonic spirit which ought to fill the heart of every good Mason, she will be enabled to accomplish as much if not more good in the future, than she has done in times past. With these views of the case your Committee submit for the consideration and adoption by the Grand Lodge the following resolutions, to wit:

Resolved, that Bro. B. F. Karrick violated none of the principles or rules of our Order in tendering his resignation as *Member* of Lodge No. 19, but having complied with all their By-laws the Lodge were in duty bound to accept his resignation.

Resolved, that Montgomery Lodge, No. 19, in adopting a resolution to request the R. W. G. M. to grant a Dispensation to hold another election for W. M. in place of Bro. Karrick, acted in accordance with the custom and regulations of the G. L. and that Lodge No. 19 erred by not being governed by said resolutions before taking any other action in the matter.

Resolved, that Lodge No. 19 erred in reconsidering and rescinding the acceptance of Bro. Karrick's resignation and this G. L. now declares that act null and void, and further that Bro. B. F. Karrick is not now a member of that Lodge. The only mode in which he or

any other Brother after resigning can regain admission into membership, is in accordance with the rules of the Grand Lodge, viz.: By petition, reference to a committee and unanimous ballot.

Resolved, that the action of Lodge No. 19 installing Bro. Karrick as W. M. at their Meeting on the first day of March was illegal and the same is hereby declared null and void and of no effect. That the proper course for that Lodge now to pursue, under existing circumstances, is to apply to the proper authorities for a Dispensation to hold a new election.

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish a Copy of the above resolutions to Lodge No. 19 with instructions that they be spread upon their Book of Minutes.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM WHITNEY, D. E. SKERRITT,
ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, A. PURVIS,
L. H. SCOTT, *Committee.*

PHIL., Mar. 17th, 1856.

The consideration of the foregoing was postponed until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, Monday, April 7th.

NOTE.—The principle in this case confirmed. A member may resign his membership but cannot resign his office and remain a member.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at 10 o'c., P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

On motion the following named Brethren were admitted to wit: Bros. Fred'k Kopp, Wm. M. Randall, C. S. Wright, Geo. S. Hassin, Henry Wartinger, G. H. Johnson, F. R. Gatchell, Robert Wilson, Geo. H. Barnes, Rob't W. Whelan, Benj. M. Feltwell, No. 19; Jas. Worrell, No. 21; Wm. Hadden, No. 59; Wm. Woodside, No. 51; Sam'l McIntyre, Jno. Bolt, Geo. W. Wood, No. 67; S. B. Warner, No. 71; H. I. White, No. 72; Wm. Frinkle, No. 126; Chas. A. Postley, Geo. W. Sumers, B. G. Babie, No. 130; Lewis Williams, No. 131; Wm. B. Severn, Geo. W. Weldy, No. 155; Sam'l Winfield, No. 158; Jas. Kirk, No. 164; J. McPherson, No. 186; Abm. Shipman, No. 199; Jas. Donat, No. 203; Jno. Dickinson, No. 211; D. Brittain, No. 230; Jas. E. Davis, No. 230, Ohio; W. P. Atkinson, Jos. W. Healty, R. McCrary, No. 295.

NOTE.—Additional General Returns were received up to March 17, 1856, from the following Lodges and ordered to be entered and filed, to wit: Lodges Nos. 62, 254, 265, 278, 292.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, April 7th, 1856, A. L. 5856.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Communication, held in the Chestnut Street Hall.

Present: Bro. PETER WILLIAMSON, R. W. G. M, Bro. John K. Mitchell, R. W. Dep. G. M. Bro. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. Sr. G. W.

Bro. John Thomson, R. W. Jr. G. W. Bro. Thomas E. Baxter, R. W. G. T. Bro. Wm. H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec. Bro. George H. Ashton, D. G. Sec. Bro. Richard Vaux, Sr. G. Deacon. Bro. William English, Jr. G. Deacon. Bro. John L. Goddard, G. S. Bearer. Bro. Edward Robbins, G. Marshal. Bro. H. L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant. Bros. Joseph T. Thomas and Atwood Smith, G. Stewards. Rev. Bros. John Chambers and Peter Van Pelt, G. Chaplains. Bros. William Whitney, Wm. Barger, Anthy. Bournonville, James Hutchinson, Page and Josiah Randall, R. W. Grand Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Wiler, Blackburne, Thomas, Tallman. No. 3, Skerrett, English. No. 9, Crow, Leach, Kelly, Wright, Brothers, Booth, Henderson. No. 19, Griscom, Cummings, Haswell, Park, Hodges, Thornley, Thomas, Bradley, Masters, Nicols. No. 25, Scott. No. 51, Workman, Thomson, Allen, Green, Whitney. No. 52, Fitch. No. 59, Adams, Davenport, Macpherson, Sinexon. No. 67, Griffith, Simpson, Smith, Baugh, Jas. Hutchinson, Martien, Squibb. No. 71, Golding, Frishmuth, Bambrey, Bladen, Levering. No. 72, West, O'Hara, Ashton, Fox, Chase, Kelly, Burger, Thompson, Phillips, Brown. No. 91, Brown, S. C. Perkins, Mallery. No. 114, Clark, Thomson (2), Stevenson, Huddell, Baxter. No. 115, Heimburger, Parker, Fulmer, Black, Wallis, Humes. No. 121, Campbell, Mitchell, Levistein, Hall, Vaux, Peterson, Smith. No. 125, Steiner, Bournonville, Remak, Kienzle. No. 126, Nisbet, Page. No. 130, Lescure, Riley, Pearson, Kirkpatrick, Strickland, Easby, Young. No. 131, Moore. No. 134, Williamson, Robbins, Ogden, King, Jackson, Murphy, Roney, Stocker. No. 155, Ruan. No. 158, Shields, Reneker. No. 186, Gaskill, Scattergood, Barrington, O'Farrell. No. 187, Parsons, Purvis. No. 211, Dorlan, Cartwright. No. 245, Mann. No. 246, Hyneman. No. 271, Thomas, Mayer. No. 274, Goddard, Pedrick, Sears. No. 289, Loughead, Phillips. No. 292, Eckles. No. 295, Harper, Elliot. No. 296, Griffiths.

Proxies: Wm. Whitney, H. L. Peterson, Wm. Barger, G. Parke Cummings, Peter Williamson, Henry M. Phillips, John Thornley, Wash. L. Bladen, R. S. Wilson, James Simpson, F. Blackburne, Wm. W. Thomson, Jas. Page, Jacob Steiner, A. Bournonville.

Fifty-two Lodges Represented, thirty-four by Members and eighteen by Proxy.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at ¼ past 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master arose and stated as follows:

BRETHREN, This being the evening to which the Grand Lodge closed to meet again we will now proceed to the consideration of the business in regular order from the stage to which we had arrived on closing. The first being the further consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the case of Montgomery Lodge, No. 19. Bro. Cummings is entitled to the floor. Bro. C. had proceeded but a short period when the reading of the report was called for. Permission being given Bro. William Whitney the Chairman of the Committee again read the report. When Bro. Cummings proceeded considerable debate ensued. The R. W. Grand Mas-

ter stated that he would call the Grand Lodge together at an early day when this matter could come up first thing. That the hour of 10 had arrived and there being some very important business to transact requiring the immediate attention of the Grand Lodge he would suspend the further consideration of the business.

The R. W. Grand Master further stated as follows:

BRETHREN, Before closing the Grand Lodge permit me to occupy your attention for a few minutes to announce some appointments which have been made and occurrences which have transpired since we were last assembled in Grand Lodge Communication. Since the last Stated Meeting I have appointed Bro. P. G. M. Wm. Whitney a member of the Finance Committee to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Bro. Riley who has at my earnest request accepted the appointment. I have also appointed the following named Brethren District Deputy Grand Masters for the Masonic Districts which were left open on Saint John's Day last in order to obtain further information, viz.: Bro. Grantham J. Taggert of Northumberland, for the Counties of Northumberland, Union, Columbia and Montour. Bro. James Armer of Bellefonte, for the Counties of Clinton, Lycoming and Centre. Bro. Ammi Bond of Conneautville, for the Counties of Crawford, Erie, Mercer and Warren. The representative in the Board of Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund, from Columbia Lodge, No. 91, Bro. Jno. H. Casey, an active and useful member endeared not only to his Brethren in Masonry but to all within the circle of his acquaintance for his many amiable virtues having been removed by Death from his labors in the Lodge below, to as we humbly trust eternal refreshment in the one above thereby occasioning a vacancy in that body, I have appointed Brother Saml. C. Perkins from the same number to supply the vacancy thus created. I have also appointed Bro. John Wagner of Concordia Lodge, No. 67, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Bro. Jacob H. Squibb who I regret to learn has been compelled to this course by the failure of health. Bro. Squibb takes with him on his retirement the thanks of the Brethren for the faithful performance of the duties of the office and best wishes for his speedy restoration to health and strength. Since our last meeting we have been called upon to follow to the grave one whom we have long honored in life and now lament in Death. One whose age and experience alone would have entitled him to our respect and veneration but whose steadfast faith and firm belief in the fixed and unchangeable character of our principles and extended knowledge of the practical workings of the Craft was so conspicuous and universally acknowledged that his opinion was revered more in the light of a legal enactment than that of an individual member of the order. Whose many virtues and social qualities, faithfulness, and devotion to the interests of the craft will ever endear his memory to us and cause it to be held in lasting remembrance. Past Grand Master Newcomb is not with us, his light has been extinguished, Death has called him

hence from the labors of time to the rest of Eternity. Immediately on receiving the sad intelligence of his death, and that it was the desire of the family that we should attend the funeral in our character as Masons, I convened the Grand Officers and requested the attendance of the Past Grand Officers to consult with me in reference to the most suitable manner of manifesting our regard and paying this last tribute of respect to his memory. The result of this conference was the unanimous expression and recommendation to appear on the occasion, without regalia, and only in the simple Masonic custom of black suit and white gloves with the addition of blue ribbon, inserted in the dress and worn on the breast, which arrangement was accordingly adopted and carried out. The funeral was attended by upwards of 150 Brethren who after witnessing the solemn and impressive Ceremonies of interment and depositing in the grave of our deceased Brother the evergreen, emblematic of our faith in the immortality of the soul, were dismissed at the place of interment. It may be proper to state that the meeting was attended by all the Past Grand Masters who were in the country except three, two of whom Bros. James Harper and Saml. Badger were present at the funeral and have since expressed their approbation and entire concurrence in the foregoing arrangement. I have been thus particular in making this statement as the hope was expressed (by P. G. M. Josiah Randall) that it should serve as a precedent to govern us on similar occasions in future. The R. W. Grand Master asked the Committee on sale of the Third Street Hall whether they had any thing to lay before the Grand Lodge for the information of the Brethren. When Bro. John Thomson, Chairman of said Committee stated as follows, to wit:

In reply to the enquiry of the Grand Master whether the Committee on sale of Third St. Hall had any thing to offer would respectfully state that the Committee had not as yet succeeded in effecting a sale, that until within a few days there had been no offer that the Committee thought would be satisfactory to the Grand Lodge. There was now a prospect that $20,000 might be obtained for the property and that he individually would be in favor of selling at that price, if it can be obtained, and that he would like to have an expression of the opinion of the Grand Lodge on the subject. On motion of P. G. Master Bro. Wm. Whitney and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted, to wit: The Supreme Grand Architect of the Universe having in his wise province after a long life of morality and usefulness called hence our late R. W. Past Grand Master, Brother Bayse Newcomb, it is fitting that one so well known and highly distinguished in the Masonic order should have proper honors paid to his memory, therefore

Resolved, that this Grand Lodge has heard with deep and unfeigned regret of the demise of its late R. W. P. G. Master, Brother Bayse Newcomb.

Resolved, that our deceased Brother has left us his example a

rich legacy for the Craft in general. A bright light in the Temple has ceased to shine. Ever devotedly attached to the Masonic Institution he gave in his long life a practical illustration of its beauties. Raised to the highest dignity in the East he discharged the duties of his Station with marked ability and when called on by usage to retire from the Chair, he did so without estranging himself from our labors, but continued to the last whenever health and strength permitted him so to do, to aid by his counsel, and strengthen by his wisdom, a pure and consistent Brother, for the preservation of the Landmarks and his deep interest in the welfare and prosperity of the Grand Lodge never abated in youth or age, and it was only when his eyes closed in death that his Masonic heart ceased to beat, his love for the order and his life ending together.

Resolved, that in the death of our eminent Brother, this Grand Lodge, the Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, as well as Masonry in general have met with a serious and irreparable loss, well read in Masonic history and skilfully and practically conversant with the rites and ceremonies of the Craft he could at all times be safely referred to as a depository linking the past with the present, a rich and inexhaustible mine from which was generously and fraternally given out to the Brethren all that was pure and Masonic and calculated to bind as with a chain of adamant the foundations of our Temple.

Resolved, that as our Brother lived so he died, after realizing more than the allotted age of three score years and ten, a good citizen, a true Mason, and an honest man, translated, let us hope from this temporal Lodge, to one not made with hands eternal in the Heavens.

Resolved, that as a further testimony of our respect for the memory of so just a man and so good a Brother, the chairs of the Grand Officers and the jewels of the Grand Lodge be clothed in mourning for six months and that the R. W. Grand Master be requested to select a suitable Brother to pronounce a Eulogium.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

On motion duly made and seconded, the following Brethren were admitted as visitors: Bros. Wm. D. Toy, Chas. Buthre, David H. Sprong, No. 2; Wm. Bitler, No. 3; Edwin Thompson, No. 9; Robt. Wilson, Dan'l P. Dietrich, Jesse R. Ball, Wm. N. Attwood, Wm. Ellis, Wm. A. Shubert, Robt. M. Whelan, John Whartenby, Benj. M. Feltwell, Benj. Master, Dan'l Dougherty, Thos. J. Jordan, No. 19; Chas. N. Anderson, Wm. Woodside, Benj. F. Groove, Wm. Thomson, No. 51; Eli Holden, Richard T. Shepherd, No. 59; John Bolt, No. 67; Timothy P. Russell, Sam'l Price, No. 71; Charles S. Rand, Henry I. White, No. 72; Prosper Broult, Andw. Wright, Jr., No. 91; Wm. Brooks, No. 114; Peter Spier, No. 115; Fred. A. Hoyt, L. I. Levy, Thos. Brown, L. Moss, E. P. Mawson, Chas. C. Grugan, No. 121; Jno. W. Miller, No. 126; Geo. W. Simmons, Jas. W. Davis, No. 130; Lewis Williams, No. 131; Arch B. Campbell, John Carr, No. 155; D. Weatherly, Jr., No. 158; Jas. T.

Kirk, John Murphy, Jr., John J. Shubberly, Jr., No. 164; Casnai Maesel, Cyprian Chaboth, Jno. Simmons, Jas. D. Carlisle, No. 186; Elmer W. Clark, Sam'l J. Wright, No. 187; Martin Moloney, No. 190; Thos. J. Stevens, No. 197; Mathias Ziegler, Chas. K. Neeser, No. 211; Elias Raber, No. 226; Joseph Saylor, No. 236; John Austin, No. 246; B. B. Gumpert, Alex. Chahbers, Geo. W. Kensil, No. 246; J. W. Hailey, No. 271; Rob't McCrosly, Jno. B. Whitaker, No. 295; S. Ward, No. 195, Ohio; Jno. K. Sadler, No. 80, Va.; David T. Newlin, No. 14, Del.; Thos. E. Vickers, Mathew L. Murrow, No. 177, Ohio; Chas. Penfield, No. 38, Maine; Thos. Turnbull, No. 52, Scotland; J. W. Ballinger, No. 247, Ohio; Henry J. Taylor, No. 11, Wilmington, Del.

No further business presenting itself the Grand Lodge closed in peace at ¼ past 10 o'clock, P. M. to meet on Monday, May 5th, 1856.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, May 5th, 1856, A. L. 5856.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Communication, held in the Hall, Chestnut Street.

Present: Bro. PETER WILLIAMSON, R. W. G. M. Bro. John K. Mitchell, R. W. D. G. M. Bro. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. Sr. G. W. Bro. John Thomson, R. W. Jr. G. W. Bro. Thos. E. Baxter, R. W. G. Treas. Bro. Wm. H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty. Bro. George H. Ashton, Dep. G. Secty. Bro. Atwood Smith, S. G. Deacon, *p. t.* Bro. William English, Jr. G. Deacon. Bro. Edw. Robbins, G. Marshal, *p. t.* Bro. John L. Goddard, G. S. Bearer. Bro. Jos. T. Thomas, G. Steward. Bro. James Simpson, G. Steward, *p. t.* Bro. Robert Clark, G. Pursuivant. Bros. Josiah Randall, Wm. Barger, James Page, Peter Fritz, Wm. Whitney, P. G. Masters. Rev. Bro. John Chambers, G. Chaplain.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Thomas, Tallman, Graham. No. 3, English, Thomson. No. 9, Brothers, Henderson, Booth, Crowe, Wright, Leach, Kelly. No. 19, Bradley, Hodges, Griscom, Thornley, Park, Cook. No. 25, Hilton, Keim. No. 51, Whitney, Thomson, Howell, Workman, Allen, Chambers, Weir. No. 52, Day, Pearson, Wilson, Sr., Wood. No. 59, Taylor, Adams, Macpherson. No. 67, Reese, Martin, Baugh, Jos. Hutchinson, Wagner, Simpson, Griffith. No. 71, Hutchinson. No. 72, Brown, Barger, Ashton, Thompson, Chase, Fox, Phillips, Kelly. No. 91, Mallery, Brown, Hinchman. No. 114, Baxter, Clark, Stevenson. No. 115, Black, Heimberger, Supplee, Wallis, Parker. No. 121, Lennig, Peterson, Mitchell, Smith, Hall. No. 125, Maag, Steiner, Ziegler, Remak, Peale, Kienzle. No. 126, Dalby, Page, Moore, Nesbit. No. 130, Riley, Lescure, Young, Strickland. No. 131, Matlack, Moore, Smith. No. 134, Williamson, Goddard, Robbins, Roney. No. 155, Fritz, Gowie, Ruan. No. 158, Reucker. No. 186, Marple, Barrington, Gaskell, Scattergood, Russell. No. 187, Albertson, Simpson, Hann, Purvis. No. 211, Dorlan, Cartwright, Peall. No. 246, Hyneman, Jones. No. 271,

Thomas. No. 274, Goddard, Sears, Pedrick. No. 289, Gwyn, Phillips. No. 295, Gilpin. No. 296, Squires.

Proxies: Wm. English, Wm. Whitney, Chas. Brothers, Edw. Barrington, Wm. H. Adams, Wm. H. Pearson, Gustavus Remak, Peter Williamson, James Simpson, Wm. Barger, H. M. Phillips, Harman Baugh, Geo. Thomson, Jas. Page, J. S. Hutchinson, Jacob Steiner, Horace L. Peterson, Paul B. Goddard.

Forty-nine Lodges represented, thirty-one by members and eighteen by proxy.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at ¼ past 7 o'clock, P. M.

The R. W. Grand Master addressed the Brethren as follows:

BRETHREN: The Grand Lodge closed to meet again this Evening the business will now be resumed at the point to which we had arrived on closing. The first business will therefore be, the further consideration of the report of the Committee to whom was referred the case of Montgomery Lodge, No. 19. Bro. Riley is entitled to the floor. Bro. Riley was about proceeding when he gave way to enable the Committee in charge of the Third Street Hall to report that they had sold the same for the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars.

Whereupon the following resolution was read and unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that the sale of the following described premises, that is to say all that brick messuage known as the Washington Hall and the lot or piece of ground thereunto belonging situate on the west side of Third street between Walnut and Spruce Streets in the City of Philadelphia, beginning in the middle of the partition wall of the messuage erected upon the lot formerly sold by Robert Kidd to James Lyle, thence extending southward along the line of 3rd St. (enlarged by the addition of ten feet thereto thrown out to widen the foot way) Twenty-five feet, thence westward at right angles thereto two feet, thence southward along the line of Third Street, (enlarged thereby by the addition of twelve feet thrown out to widen the foot way) twenty-five feet two inches, thence westwardly along what was formerly the line of the Mansion House Hotel, one hundred and twelve feet, thence northward by a line parallel with Third street twenty-two feet one inch, thence westwardly by what was formerly the line of the Mansion House lot, sixty-six feet to Bingham's Court, thence along Bingham's Court northwardly thirty-four feet four inches to the aforesaid ground, granted to James Lyle and thence along the same eastward one hundred and eighty feet to the place of beginning. And also, all that Lot or piece of ground immediately in the rear of the southern portion of the above described lot and adjoining the same beginning at the southwesterly corner thereof, thence extending parallel with Spruce street westward eighteen feet to a corner thence northwardly parallel with Bingham's Court, twenty-two feet one inch, more or less to the first described lot of ground, thence along the same eastward eighteen feet and thence still along the same southward parallel

with Bingham's court twenty-six feet one inch more or less to the place of beginning. The messuage and lot of ground first described being the same which Chas. Robb and Wife by Indenture dated the 29th day of Augt., 1835, in Deed Book A. M. page 373, &c., granted and conveyed unto George M. Dallas, Bayse Newcomb, Josiah Randall, James Harper, Thos. Kittera, Samuel Badger and John Steele, Trustees for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging and the survivor and survivors of them and the heirs and assigns of the survivor, in trust for the use of the said Grand Lodge of Penna. and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging and further that the said Trustees and the survivors and the survivor of them, and the heirs of the survivor should by deed or deeds grant and convey the same premises in fee simple or otherwise, in such manner as they the said Grand Lodge of Penna. and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, should or might order, appoint and direct, and the lot or piece of ground second described being the same which Michael Bouvier and Wife by Indenture dated 4th day of December, 1850, recorded in Deed Book T. H., No. 51, page 176, &c., granted and conveyed unto the said George M. Dallas, Bayse Newcomb, &c., &c., Trustees as aforesaid, and the survivors and survivor of them, and the heirs of the survivor, upon the same trusts as before mentioned with the respective appurtenances to Joseph Harrison, Junior, of the City of Philada., for the sum of twenty thousand dollars is approved and confirmed, and is hereby ordered, appointed and directed by the Grand Lodge of Penna. and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, that George M. Dallas, Josiah Randal, James Harper and Samuel Badger the survivors of the Trustees aforesaid named in the two several Indentures before mentioned, shall and do by proper deed or deeds for the consideration afore mentioned, to wit: the sum of twenty thousand dollars, grant, bargain, sell and convey all the aforementioned described premises, with the appurtenances unto the said Joseph Harrison, Junior, his heirs and assigns in absolute fee simple.

The following resolution was also offered and adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Master be requested to cause the Lodge Alley frames of the Hall to be forthwith placed in such a condition as to make it substantially fire-proof and the windows in the area if necessary.

Bro. Joseph S. Riley proceeded with discussion of Report of Committee on Lodge No. 19 Matter. By request the report and resolutions were read. Considerable discussion took place. A number of the Brethren coming in during the discussion the report by desire was again read. When the question was called for. The resolutions were separately read and adopted. The following report from the Committee on By-laws, was adopted, to wit:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report: that they have examined the various By-laws submitted to them and would recom-

mend, that the amendment of Art. VII of the By-laws of Lodge No. 62 be stricken out and the following inserted after the words "neglect to pay the same," viz: "May be suspended or expelled having first received due notice of said arrears and the proposed action of the Lodge thereon, should the same not be paid." That the words "two-thirds" be stricken from Art. XIV and the words "A Majority" substituted and that said By-laws be then approved. Adopted. That the amendments to the By-laws of Lodge No. 106 be approved. That to the second section of Art. I of the By-laws of Lodge No. 108 be added "Provided that the election of Officers balloting on applications for Initiation or Membership, and voting on the suspension or expulsion of a Brother be within Masonic hours, viz: from 7 to 10 in the evening from the 25th of March to the 25th of September, and from 6 to 9 o'clock in the Evening from the 25th of September to the 25th of March."

That the 1st Sectn. of Art. VI be stricken out and the following substitutel: "The fees for conferring degrees and Membership shall in all cases be paid in advance and shall be as follows, viz: For conferring the three degrees by Dispensation, $15; for Initiation and Membership, $15; for admission on an Entered Apprentice from another Lodge, $8; for admission on a Fellow craft from another Lodge, $5; for admission of a M. Mason from another Lodge, $2." That the words "but membership shall not be continued to any one owing a Years arrears" be stricken out from Sect. 3 of said Art. and that the 4th Sec. be stricken out, and the following substituted "a member one year in arrears for dues who shall neglect or refuse to pay the same may be suspended or expelled due notice having been first given him of said arrears, and the proposed action of the Lodge thereon should said arrears remain unpaid." That the words "two-thirds" be stricken from Sec. 1 of Art XI and the words "a majority" substituted therefor, and that the said By-laws be then approved. That the words "on motion" be stricken from Art. VIII of the By-laws of Lodge No. 186. That the words "two-thirds" be stricken from Art. XVIII and the words "a majority" substituted therefor and that said By-laws be then approved. That the amendments of the By-laws of Lodge Nos. 244 and 292 be approved. That the words "whose Members do not exceed three in number" be stricken from Art. VI of the By-laws of Lodge No. 296. That the word "from" be substituted for "on" in the last line of Art. X. That the words "or a majority of them" be stricken from Art. XIV. That the words "Grand Master" be substituted for Grand Lodge in Art. XV. That Art. XVII be stricken out and the following substituted "any Member twelve months in arrears for dues who shall neglect or refuse to pay the same may be suspended or expelled, due notice having been first given him of said arrears and the proposed action of the Lodge thereon, should said arrears remain unpaid," and that said By-laws be then approved.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILA., May 5th, 1856. Signed by the COMMITTEE.

On motion duly made and seconded the following named Brethren were admitted as visitors: Bros. Jesse R. Ball, Robert Wilson, Galusha H. Johnston, Francis R. Gatchell, George H. Barnes, Caleb S. Wright, John F. Bennett, Robert M. Whelen, No. 19; David I. Plume, No. 7, N. J.; Jos. Bloom, Amity Lodge of Paris; Erastus G. Drayton, No. 4, Providence, R. I.; Thomas Brown, L. J. Levy, No. 121; Wm. D. Toy, Chas. Bushar, No. 2; Thos. D. Watson, No. 3; Martin Harper, No. 28, Ireland; Wm. Woodside, P. C. Bailey, Wm. M. Lambert, No. 51; John Wilson, Jr., No. 52; Jno. Batt, No. 67; Bernard Coleman, Henry I. White, No. 72; Geo. S. Mustin, Rich'd M. Morton, Prosper Brault, Robert A. Dorsey, Andrew Wright, Jr., No. 91; Chas. E. Wilson, No. 114; Thos. J. Miles, Lewis Williams, No. 131; George Etting, Francis Funk, Edwin Henderson, No. 158; Cyprian Chabat, No. 186; Jonathan W. Harley, No. 271; John W. Lister, Wm. Robertson, No. 274; Robert McCrory, No. 298.

No further business presenting itself the Grand Lodge closed in peace at ¼ past 10 o'clock, P. M. to meet on the first Monday in June, 1856.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, June 2nd, 1856, A. L. 5856.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication, held in the Chestnut Street Hall.

Present: Bro. PETER WILLIAMSON, R. W. G. M. Bro. John K. Mitchell, R. W. D. G. M. Bro. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. S. G. W. Bro. John Thomson, R. W. J. G. W. Bro. Thos. E. Baxter, R. W. G. Treasurer. Bro. Wm. H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary. Bro. George H. Ashton, Dep. G. Secty. Bro. Joseph S. Riley, Sr. G. Deacon. Bro. William English, Jr. G. Deacon. Bro. Robert Clark, G. Marshal. Bro. James Simpson, G. S. Bearer. Bros. Jeremiah L. Hutchinson and Wm. H. Pearson, Grand Stewards. Bro. Horace L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant. Bros. William Barger and Peter Fritz, Past Grand Masters. Bros. Peter Van Pelt and H. W. Ducachett, G. Chaplains.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Graham, Tallman, Mosely. No. 3, English, Thomson, Martin. No. 9, Kelly, Booth, Henderson, Leach. No. 19, Thomas, Bradley, Cummings, Cook. No. 25, Scott. No. 51, Thomson, Shippen. No. 52, Pearson, Wilson, Sr., Day, Smith, Fitch. No. 59, McMullin, Sinexon, Adams. No. 67, Simpson, Squibb, Reese, Wagner, Piersol, Griffith, Hemphill. No. 71, J. S. Hutchinson, Frismuth. No. 72, Phillips, Ashton, Brown, Fox, McGrath, Barger. No. 81, Snyder, Fulton. No. 91, S. C. Perkins, Brown, Mallery. No. 114, Clark, Huddell, Benner, Thompson, Stevenson. No. 115, Wallis, Heimberger, Fulmer, Hibbs. No. 121, Peterson, Mitchell, Hall. No. 125, Steiner. No. 126, Moore, Harper, Simpson. No. 130, Riley, Lescure, Young, Strickland. No. 131, Moore, Smith. No. 134, Williamson, Roney. No. 155, Gore, Martin, Fritz, Bacon, Allen. No. 156, Tumbleson. No. 158, Oliver, Shields, Renneker, Wetherby. No. 186, Little, O'Farrel, Smith, Hufty, Scattergood. No. 187, Albertson, Zimmerman, Wilkinson,

Loeser. No. 211, Cartwright. No. 230, Graeff. No. 246, Hyneman. No. 266, Morris. No. 271, Mayer, Thomas. No. 274, Pedrick. No. 289, Phillips, Porter. No. 295, Harper, Gilpin, Elliot. No. 296, Squire.

Proxies: Wm. English, Geo. Thomson, Wm. Leach, G. P. Cummings, Wm. H. Pearson, Wm. H. Adams, Jas. Simpson, J. L. Hutchinson, H. M. Phillips, Wm. Barger, H. L. Peterson, Jacob Steiner, J. A. Simpson, E. P. Lescure, Geo. P. Little, Geo. Smith, Geo. W. Hufty.

Fifty-two Lodges represented, thirty-five by members, seventeen by proxy.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at ¼ past 7 o'clock P. M.

The minutes of the Adjourned Quarterly Meeting held March 3rd, 1856, were read and adopted.

The minutes of the Adjourned Quarterly Meetings held March 17th, April 7th and May 5th were read and action taken upon each meeting separately and were adopted. An application for a New Lodge at Waverly, Luzerne County, was read and on motion was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

An application was read for New Lodges to be held in Troy, Bradford County; Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County; Muncy, Lycoming County. On motion were all referred to the Grand Officers with power to act in each case.

A special communication was read from Lodge No. 2. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A special communication was read from Lodge No. 3.

A communication to the following effect was also read, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The petition and appeal of —— —— respectfully sheweth, that your petitioner was lately a member of Lodge No. 3; that while so a member certain charges and specifications were brought against him, which were duly referred to a Committee of said Lodge; that your petitioner residing in another City attended several meetings of said Committee at great inconvenience and expense; that the charges were based upon complicated business transactions; that your petitioner had no process to compel the attendance of witnesses or the production of books and papers; that the evidence taken by the Committee was of a secondary nature and not sufficient to sustain the charges that a portion thereof was taken in his absence by his consent; that your petitioner asked the production of certain books and papers, which he believes it was in the power of the prosecutor to produce, and their production was declined. That no charge was made or can be made of the violation of any Masonic obligation of any nature whatever, and your petitioner respectfully suggests that Masonic jurisdiction does not extend to business transactions, between man and man in the every day proceedings of life, and believing that in the expulsion of your petitioner from Lodge No. 3 which followed the report of their Committee, great injustice has

been done him, respectfully prays that the R. W. G. Lodge will take such action in the matter as to them shall seem meet.

Very respectfully,

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PHIL., Mar. 27, 1856.

On motion the communication from Lodge No. 3 was directed to be entered and filed.

The communication and appeal from —— —— was ordered to be laid on the table.

Amendments to the By-laws of Lodges Nos. 3 and No. 25; also the By-laws of Lodges Nos. 220 and 297 were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 9, ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 43, at Lancaster, asking permission to take another Ballot in the case of —— —— who was rejected in said Lodge. On motion duly made and seconded, the prayer of the Petitioners was granted, provided all the members are notified when said ballot is to take place.

The following communication was read and on motion was referred to the Committee on Landmarks, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

Harmony Lodge, No. 52 respectfully submits the following case asking for instructions and a decision thereon. At the Stated Meeting of the Lodge held September 5th, 1855, an individual was regularly proposed for Initiation and Membership whose petition was referred to a Committee. Said Committee reported they had attended to the duty assigned and found him fully qualified to have the prayer of his Petition granted (in the usual form) said report was at the Stated Meeting in October accepted, the Committee discharged, and the candidate duly balloted for and approved. Between which last mentioned time and the Stated Meeting in November, 1855, such information was received by a number of the Members of the Lodge as to satisfy them that he was not worthy and was very far from "Being under the tongue of *good Masonic report.* Under these circumstances and with this report he has not been Initiated, it being well ascertained that his Initiation would seriously disturb the harmony of the Lodge. Whilst those who believe the charges against him to be unfounded insist upon his Initiation and the necessity of the Lodge to initiate him after having been once approved.

Extract from the Minutes.

[L. S.] Signed, EDWARD S. CAMPBELL, *Secretary.*

MARCH 5th, 1856, A. L. 5856.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 71 and on motion was referred to the Committee on Land-marks also all papers submitted therewith, to wit:

To Wm. H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec. G. Lodge of Penna.

SIR AND BRO., Below I have sent you a correct copy of a resolution offered by Past Master Abraham B. Kauffman at our past Stated Meeting, March 26th, 1856, A. L. 5856. Also a resolution offered by Bro. W. L. Bladen together with a report of the Committee in November last as directed by Lodge No. 71, A. Y. M.

CHARLES FRISHMUTH, *Secretary.*

Resolved, that the proceedings in the application of —— —— for Initiation and Membership to this Lodge together with the opinion of the Committee on Landmarks of the R. W. G. Lodge of Penna. as reported by the Committee of this Lodge on Nov. 28, 1855, as well as all documents in possession of the Lodge in relation thereunto be referred to the R. W. G. Lodge for their decision.

Extract from the Minutes.

[L. S. No. 71.] CHARLES FRISHMUTH, *Secretary No. 71.*

The following communication was read from Lodge No. 72:

MAY 16th, 1856.—At a Stated Meeting of Philadelphia Lodge, No. 72, held on Thursday Evening, May 15th, 1856, A. L. 5856, at the New Hall, Chestnut Street, on motion of Bro. Joshua Spering and duly seconded, it was *Resolved,* that the Secretary be directed to apply to the Grand Lodge at its next Quarterly Grand Communication for permission to dispense with the labors of this Lodge during the months of July and August next.

Extract from the Minutes.

EDWIN T. CHASE, *Secretary.*

To Wm. H. Adams, Esq., Grand Secty.

A similar application from Lodge No. 295 was read as follows, to wit: At a Stated Meeting of Melita Lodge, No. 295, A. Y. M., held at the Hall, Chestnut Street, May 28, 1856, A. L. 5856, the following resolution was adopted, to wit: *Resolved,* that permission be asked of the R. W. Grand Lodge to adjourn over and omit the Stated Meetings of July and August if the Lodge should deem it expedient.

Extract from the Minutes.

ROBERT MCCRORY, *Secretary.*

On motion duly made and seconded, the request of the foregoing Lodges was granted, and the same privilege was extended to all the other Lodges who wish to avail themselves of the privileges granted to Lodges Nos. 72 and 295.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 108, Towanda, Bradford County, per H. L. Scott, asking a remission of dues and assistance to build a new hall. On motion the communication was referred to the Committee of Finance.

A special communication was read from Union Lodge, No. 121, on motion was ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 134, stating that Bro. —— ——, who had been suspended for non-payment of dues in Sep-

tember 30th last, had paid his dues in full. He is therefore restored to good Masonic standing in the order. On motion was ordered to be entered and filed.

The following communication was read and laid on the table until a report is reached in which Mr. ——'s application was referred.

PHILA., May 17th, 1856.

DEAR BRO.—At a Stated Meeting of Eastern Star Lodge, No. 186, held May 14, '56, A. L. 5856, a second ballot was taken on the petition for Initiation and Membership from —— ——, when he was rejected.

At the same meeting the following resolution was *unanimously* adopted:

Resolved, That Eastern Star Lodge, No. 186, do fraternally ask the Grand Lodge to grant them the privilege of having another Ballot on the petitions of —— —— and —— ——. Or to place them in as fair a position as they occupied prior to their being rejected by this Lodge.

[L. S.] GEO. P. LITTLE, *Secretary.*

To Wm. H. Adams, R. W. Gd. Secty.

The following communication from Lodge No. 211 (* * *) was read and ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Secretary of Lodge No. 245. Ordered to be entered and filed.

The following communication was read:

To Bro. Henry M. Phillips, P. M. and Member of Philada. Lodge, No. 72, under the Jurisdiction of the R. W. G. Lodge of Penna.

At a Stated Meeting of Bellefonte Lodge, No. 268, held at Bellefonte on the 19th day of March, A. D. 1856, A. L. 5856, you were unanimously appointed the Representative of this Lodge in the said R. W. G. Lodge of Penna.

Witness our hands and the Seal of the Lodge at Bellefonte the said 19th day of March, A. D. 1856, A. L. 5856.

JOHN TONER, *W. M.*

[L. S. 268.] Attest: H. PETRIKEN, *Secretary.*

On motion the communication was ordered to be entered and filed and Bro. Henry M. Phillips acknowledged as the Proxy of said Lodge in this Grand Lodge.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 273, at Morgan's Corner. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 276, at Brookville, Jefferson Co., setting forth that the Lodge Room was burned by a fire which occurred there on Saturday night the 23d of May and that they had met a loss about $300. They ask aid from the Grand Lodge and on motion the Petition was referred to the Committee on Finance.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 278 asking to be exon-

erated from paying dues for the year 1854. On motion was referred to the Committee on Finance, agreed to.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 294, at Ashland. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication from Lodge No. 292, at Frankford, was read. On motion the foregoing was ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 283, at Bethlehem. On motion duly made and seconded, the prayer of the petitioners was granted, provided that each member be notified when the ballot is to take place.

On motion of Bro. Henry M. Phillips and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that the Right Worshipful Grand Master draw his order on the Grand Treasurer in favor of the Trustees of the New Masonic Loan for such an amount as may be required to pay the interest on the New Masonic Loan falling due the first of July next, 1856.

A very lengthy communication and appeal was received from Bro. —— —— against the action of Presque Isle Lodge, No. 235, at Erie. Also a number of letters and the minutes of the Lodge, &c. When on motion duly made and seconded, the whole subject was referred to a special Committee. The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bros. Edwd. P. Lescure, Francis Blackburne and Thos. Roney said Committee. Bro. E. P. Lescure withdrew when E. H. Butler was appointed.

The R. W. Grand Master called for the reports from Standing Committees, when the following was read from the Committee on Finance. On motion the same was approved and the resolution attached thereto was adopted, to wit:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report, that in order to make a report somewhat approximating to the time of meeting of the Grand Lodge, they requested the Grand Treasurer to make up his accounts to the 15th ult. and they are consequently enabled to give a statement of the finances from the first of the year up to that date which are as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Bal. Jany. 1st, 1856	$ 1,127 81
Received from Lodges, &c., and D. D. G. Masters	13,426 01
" " D. D. G. Masters	863 27
" for Rent	2,357 42
" " New Warrant	81 00
" " Dispensations	445 00
" " Certificates	36 00
" " Ahiman Rezons, &c	3 50
	$18,340 01

The last three items are only for the first Quarter.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid orders of the Building Committee and Furnishing Committees	$12,312 08
" Grand Lodge Bills	263 67
" Renting Committee	67 00
" Interest	834 00
" Grand Lodge Almoners Fund	180 00
" Appropriations, Grand Master	63 94
" Grand Secretary, Printing, &c., &c	333 20
" Grand Treas.	5 87
" Hall Committee	1,275 71
Bal. on hand	3,004 54
	$18,340 01

It is now evident to the Committee that the receipts of the Grand Lodge will henceforth far exceed the expenditures, and it is desirable to adopt some mode of extinguishing the principal of the loans of the Grand Lodge and for the purpose of accomplishing this object they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Finance Committee be authorized to invest the surplus receipts of the Grand Lodge in the purchase of certificates of the Loans of 1854 and 1855 on such terms as will be most advantageous to the interests of the said Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, WM. WHITNEY, DANL. THOMPSON,
ROBERT CLARK, FRANCIS BLACKBURNE,
GEO. W. HUFTY, *Committee.*

The Finance Committee beg leave to report, that in obedience to a resolution of the Grand Lodge adopted Aug. 13, 1855, directing the Finance Committee to negotiate and take charge of a Loan of $50,000 to be called the Loan of 1855, the Committee have attended to that duty and herewith submit an account of their doings under said resolution. They have received subscriptions to the said Loan amounting to $41,000 from the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, Subordinate Lodges and Individuals, as follows:

From the G. L. C. Fund	$500 00
" Subordinate Lodges	15,100 00
" Individuals	25,400 00
Total	$41,000 00
On which the loss by exchange as allowed by resolution of Grand Lodge Septr. 3d, 1855 was	1,029 90
leaving the net amount received to be	$39,970 10

All of which has been expended according to the instructions of the Grand Lodge in paying the indebtedness of the Grand Lodge incurred by the Building and Furnishing Committee. The Finance Committee have convinced themselves that the receipts from the Sale of the Old Hall in 3d St. will more than pay all the remaining indebtedness of the Grand Lodge and they have consequently closed the a/c's of this New Loan and will receive no more subscriptions unless otherwise instructed by the Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Signed, WILLIAM WHITNEY, DANL. THOMPSON,
ROBERT CLARK, FRANCIS BLACKBURNE,
GEO. W. HUFTY, *Committee on Finance.*

The following Report was read from the Committee on Renting Stores, &c. On motion the Report was received and the Committee continued.

To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Renting the Stores in the New Masonic Hall respectfully report that the stores are all rented and the tenants have paid in full to date and the amounts handed over to the Grand Treasurer as per statement below. The Committee having completed the duties assigned them, are now ready to hand the leases over to the Grand Lodge or whoever may be appointed to receive the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, JAMES SHIELDS, WASHINGTON CONRAD,
GUSTAVUS REMAK, WASHINGTON HEIMBERGER,
Committee.

JUNE 2, 1856.

1856.		
Mar.	25, J. S. De Puey & Son, 1 Month.....	$208 33
Apr.	12, John Marsh, 1 do.	208 33
May	2, Wm. H. Caryell, 12 due 1st Int.....	625 00
"	15, J. S. De Puey & Son, 1 Mos. R. due April 20.....	208 33
"	22, John Marsh 1 " " " "	208 33
"	25, J. S. De Puey & Son, 1 " " " "	208 33
June	2, John Marsh, " May 25.....	208 33
"	2, James Wilcox, 1 due 1st inst.....	208 33
	Total of	$2,083 31

1856.		
April	14, Paid Thos. E. Baxter.....	$416 66
May	22, do. do., ...	1,041 66
"	28, do. do., ...	208 33
June	2, do. do., ...	416 66
		$2,083 31

The following report was read, to wit:

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest respectfully report that they have received from interest and dividends on investments since the last report in June, 1855, the sum of..... $2,255 25
Interest accrued on deposits in Penna. Company for Insurance on Lives, &c..... 33 70
To which add balance in the same institution as per last report 554 09

Making a total of..... $2,843 04

Of the above sum the Trustees have paid on orders of the R. W. Grand Master for the use of the Committees on Charity.... $2,000 00
Leaving a balance to the credit of the Trustees in the Penna. Company for Insurance on Lives and Granting Annuities 843 04

Since the last report the investments of the funds have been somewhat changed. In August last the Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge proposed to the Trustees to take at par the Six per cent. loan of the City and give the Trustees for them the Grand Lodge of Penna. Loan authorized by a vote of the Grand Lodge April 4th, 1853. After a full statement by the Finance Committee of the wants and resources of the Grand Lodge the Trustees unanimously resolved to exchange $10,000 of the six per cent. Loan of the City of Philada. at par for $10,000 of the Grand Lodge of Pa. Loan of April 4th, 1853, which was accordingly done. The investments of the funds of the Bequest are now as follows, to wit:

Certificate	No. 3222 City 6s of 1890.....	$1,000
do.	Nos. 1 and 2 Masonic Loan of 1853 at $250 each..	500
do.	from Nos. 125 to 176 inclusive 52 certificates of $500 each	26,000
do.	No. 177 of $400.....	400
do.	from Nos. 229 to 248 inclusive 20 certificates of $500 each	10,000
Total of		$37,900

The above satisfactory state of the Fund is owing to judicious investments and not to any diminution of our charities for our appropriations have for years exceeded by two hundred dollars per annum the interest on the original thirty thousand dollars. The Trustees have the satisfaction of again recommending an appropriation of two thousand dollars to the charitable purposes of the Be-

quest during the year ending June 1st, 1857. They therefore submit the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, that the sum of two thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the use of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund for the year ending June 1st, 1857, to be drawn for under the usual restrictions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, SAML. H. PERKINS, JAS. HUTCHINSON, GEO. P. LITTLE,
Trustees.

Bro. Jos. S. Riley moved that the report and resolution be adopted and the report be referred to the Committee on Finance, Bro. Wm. English moved to amend the resolution by increasing the appropriation to $2,200. The question being put on the amendment and the R. W. Grand Master being unable to decide, a division was called for, when the Grand Marshal reported that thirty-two members voted for the increase and twenty-six against. The amendment was therefore decided as carried. The question was then taken on the resolution as amended and agreed to.

The following report was read and adopted, to wit:

To the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The undersigned respectfully report, That they have examined the amendments to the By-laws of Lodges No. 3 and No. 25, and would recommend that the amendment to the By-laws of Lodge No. 3 be adopted. That in the place of the amendments to the By-laws by Lodge No. 25 the following be substituted, viz: "The fees for conferring Degrees and Membership shall in all cases be paid in advance and shall be as follows: For conferring the Three degrees by Dispensation, $30; for Initiation and Membership, $30; for Membership on an Entered Apprentice Mason from another Lodge, $30; for Membership on a F. C. from another Lodge, $20; for Membership on a M. M. from another Lodge, $10.

Respectfully submitted,
Signed by the COMMITTEE OF BY-LAWS.

No further business presenting itself the Grand Lodge closed in peace at 10½ o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, June 16th, 1856, A. L. 5856.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Communication, held in the Chestnut Street Hall.

Present: Bro. PETER WILLIAMSON, R. W. G. M. Bro. John K. Mitchell, R. W. D. G. M. Bro. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. Sr. G. W. Bro. John Thomson, R. W. Jr. G. W. Bro. Thos. E. Baxter, R. W. G. Treas. Bro. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Sec. Bro. George H. Ashton, D. G. Sec. Bro. Saml. C. Perkins, Sr. G. Deacon. Bro. William English, Jr. G. Deacon. Bro. James Simpson, G. Marshal. Bro. John L. Goddard, G.

S. Bearer. Bro. Isaac Wallis and Bro. Jos. T. Thomas, G. Stewards. Bro. Richard H. See, G. Pursuivant. Bros. Wm. Whitney, A. Bournonville, James Page, Saml. H. Perkins, and Peter Fritz, R. W. P. G. Masters. Bro. John Chambers, G. Chaplain.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Blackburne. No. 3, English, Thomson. No. 9, Booth, Henderson. No. 19, Griscom, Thomas, Bradley, Cook, Cummings. No. 25, Scott, Benezett. No. 45, Adair. No. 51, Thomson, Allen, Whitney. No. 52, Pearson, Wood, Wilson, Sr. No. 59, Taylor, Adams, Sinexon, McPherson. No. 67, Simpson, Baugh, Smith, Squibb, Reese, Pearsall. No. 71, Hutchinson, Frismuth, Levering. No. 72, Phillips, Ashton, Chase, Potter, Thompson. No. 91, S. C. and S. H. Perkins, Hinchman. No. 114, Clark, Huddell, Hinkle, Hamm, Baxter, Thompson, Stevenson. No. 115, Wallis, Heimberger, Parker, Black, Supplee. No. 121, Peterson, See, Mitchell. No. 125, Remak, Bournonville. No. 126, Moore, Page, Simpson. No. 130, Riley, Kirkpatrick, Lescure, Young, Strickland. No. 131, Moore. No. 134, Williamson, Goddard, Ogden, Roney. No. 155, Miller, Martin, Fritz, Ruan. No. 158, Oliver, Wetherby. No. 186, Bigley, Marple, O'Farrell, Gaskell, Scattergood, Ziegler, McIntire. No. 187, Albertson, Hann, Parsons. No. 211, Cartwright, Wright, Peall. No. 230, Mather, Graeff. No. 245, Carr. No. 246, Hyneman. No. 274, Goddard, Pedrick, Sears. No. 289, Phillips, Porter. No. 292, Eckels. No. 295, Elliot.

Proxies: Bros. Blackburne, English, Thomson, Cummings, Whitney, Adams, Simpson, Baugh, Phillips, Remak, Bournonville, Page, Williamson, Goddard.

Forty-eight Lodges represented; thirty-three by members and fifteen by proxy.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master stated that the business of the Grand Lodge would be now resumed at the point to which we had arrived at closing at meeting held on the 2d inst.

The Grand Secretary read a communication from Lodge No. 227, at Reading, appointing Brother Edward Strickland the Proxy of said Lodge in the Grand Lodge of Penna. On motion duly made and seconded, the Communication was ordered to be filed and Bro. Edward Strickland acknowledged as proxy of said Lodge.

The following report was read and approved, to wit:

To the Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN, The Committee to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. —— —— who was expelled from Bellefonte Lodge, No. 268, on charges preferred by Bro. —— ——, a member of Perseverance Lodge, No. 21, respectfully beg leave to report, that after considering carefully the subject and facts submitted to them through letters received from Bro. John Toner, the W. M. of the Lodge, have concluded that the action of said Lodge was irregular and unmasonic in as much as the Lodge suspended the accused pre-

vious to the trial. They therefore offer the following resolution: *Resolved*, that Bellefonte Lodge, No. 268, be directed to reinstate Bro. —— ——, and the subject be referred back to said Lodge with directions that the accused be notified of the charges preferred against him and a fair opportunity be afforded him of making his defense.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, WILLIAM BARGER, EDWARD ROBBINS, R. H. CAMPBELL,
Committee.

The following report was received, the resolution attached thereto adopted and the Committee discharged, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Penna. and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

We your Committee to whom was referred the appeal of Mr. —— —— from a rejection in Eastern Star Lodge, No. 186, having carefully examined the papers submitted to us with the law upon the subject respectfully beg leave to report that in *our* opinion the appeal should be dismissed for want of jurisdiction, the right of appeal to this body being given "to any person aggrieved by the proceedings of a subordinate Lodge" we do not conceive applies to a case of rejection, the ballot in the Lodge is necessarily secret and must be unanimous and the Brother who may choose to vote against any applicant has the right so to do, and we are of the opinion that so long as he chooses or deems it proper to conceal his motive for so doing or to give any reason for his vote, it is not in the power of the Grand Lodge nor that of any other body to canvass the motive nor ascribe it to any cause; the Lodge if they are of the opinion that the applicant has been harshly or unfairly dealt with, has the power to apply to the Grand Lodge to investigate the matter and to do justice in the premises; we therefore offer the following resolution and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Resolved, that the appeal of —— —— be dismissed for want of jurisdiction.

Respectfully and fraternally,

Signed, JAMES SIMPSON, PETER F. LAWS, JOHN L. YOUNG,
Committee.

APRIL 5th, 5856.

The following report was also read the resolution attached thereto adopted and the Committee discharged:

To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Rt. Worshipful Grand Lodge of Penna., &c.

We your committee to whom was referred the appeal of —— —— from a rejection by St. Johns Lodge, No. 115, having carefully examined the facts of the case beg leave to report that we are of the opinion that this appeal is not one of the class that entitles it to a consideration at your hands being neither the appeal of a Lodge nor

of a Brother and therefore not within the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge, we would therefore offer the following resolution and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Resolved, that the appellant —— —— have leave to withdraw his appeal this Grand Lodge having no power to act in the premises.

We are respectfully and fraternally yours, &c.,

Signed, M. CARTWRIGHT, J. ALEX. SIMPSON, CHAS. REESS,
Committee.

MAY 1, 1856.

The following report was read, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee to whom was referred the appeal of —— —— against the action of Jefferson Lodge, No. 288, Allegheny City, respectfully present the following statement: That shortly after their appointment they wrote to the officers of said Lodge asking a copy of the charges and proceedings in said case, after some delay they received a document which they believe to contain the desired information, but as it is written in the German Language they are unable to read it, as they have learned from other sources that most if not all the Members of said Lodge are Germans and their proceedings are conducted in that language. Your Committee are fearful that from their ignorance of German they would not be able to do that justice to the case which it merits.

They therefore respectfully ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject and that a new committee be appointed.

On behalf of the Committee,

Signed, JOHN L. GODDARD.

MAR. 3d, 1856.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Committee were continued and two Brethren were to be added who are conversant with the German Language. The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bros. Anthy. Bournonville and George K. Zeigler in accordance with the foregoing proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

The following was read and the resolution attached thereto adopted, to wit:—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna. and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

The Committee to whom was referred the application of Lodge No. 106 at Williamsport, Lycoming County, asking for leave to have a third ballot on the application of —— ——, beg leave to report. It appearing to your committee that the applicant was twice rejected and no reason being assigned for the application for a third ballot your committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration

of the subject and would recommend the adoption of the annexed Resolution.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

Signed, GUSTAVUS REMAK, E. P. LESCURE, JOS. MOORE,
Committee.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the application of Lodge No. 106, allowing a third ballot in the case of —— ——.

In the case of Bro. —— —— and Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 226, which was referred back to the Committee for further action, the Committee made a majority and minority Report with resolutions attached thereto which were read. The resolution attached to the majority report read as follows, to wit: *Resolved*, that the action of Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 226, in the premises expelling Bro. —— —— be and the same is hereby revoked and that Bro. —— —— be and is hereby declared to be suspended from the rights and privileges of Masonry for the period of six months from this date.

Resolved, that as much as Bro. —— —— has also earned for himself the displeasure of this Grand Lodge for his very exceptional deportment in this matter, the subject be referred to Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 226, to take such action in the case with respect to Bro. —— as this violation of duty demands.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 226, with instructions to spread the same upon their Minutes.

Resolved, that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Signed, D. M. FOX and EDWARD STRICKLAND.

The following resolutions from minority report was read, to wit:

Resolved, that Bro. —— —— in giving political pledges on his Masonic word was highly derelict in his duty as a Mason and has thereby incurred the just and severe censure of this Grand Lodge, but in consideration of his having already suffered for said offence all the odium of expulsion from his Lodge for a period of fourteen months, and manifested when before the Committee deep contrition for the course by him pursued, the action of Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 226, so far as relates to the expulsion of the said —— —— is hereby revoked and rescinded and Bro. —— —— again restored to his Masonic standing.

Resolved, that Bro. —— —— the W. M. of Mt. Lebanon Lodge, No. 226, in demanding and receiving from Bro. —— —— political pledges secured under the sanctity of Masonry violated his plain duty as the Master of his Lodge, presented a pernicious example to the young and more inexperienced Brethren and introduced in his Lodge a fruitful subject of discord and strife where peace and harmony alone should dwell and in so doing he has invoked the severest censure and condemnation of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, that a copy of the foregoing resolutions be transmitted

to Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 226, with instructions to spread the same upon their minutes.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, D. C. SKERRITT, *Chairman of the Committee.*

R. W. Past Grand Master, Bro. William Whitney, moved that the resolutions attached to the majority report be laid upon the table for the purpose of taking up the resolutions offered by the minority report. The R. W. Grand Master being unable to decide a division was called for when the Grand Marshal reported 38 for voting in the affirmative and 25 in the negative, the motion was then decided as carried. Bro. Whitney then moved that the first resolution attached to the Minority Report be taken up. Said resolution was again read and adopted. Second resolution was also re-read and adopted. Third resolution was also re-read and adopted. On motion duly made and seconded, the Committee was discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The following report was read and on motion of Bro. Jos. S. Riley and duly seconded, was referred to the Committee of Finance, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Building Committee respectfully report that the following claims on the Grand Lodge Building Fund reported as outstanding in their last report have been settled and paid, to wit: School & Faurrest for brown stone front, John C. Howell and Thos. E. Baxter for iron work, and J. H. Otton for carving. The claim of J. B. Vallee which is $70 is not yet settled owing to his neglect in finishing his work. No other demand except perhaps a small bill for measurement not over thirty dollars is within the knowledge of the Committee, and these are of too small a character to require their further continuance. They now present properly arranged their Book of Minutes, Order Book, the contracts of the various workmen and all other papers and vouchers appertaining to their trust and ask to be finally discharged their duties being at an end.

JAMES PAGE, *Chairman.*

PHILA., June 2, 1856.

The following communication was read and on motion was referred to the Committee on Correspondence in conjunction with the R. W. Grand Master, to wit:

Right W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey,

TRENTON, Jan. 10th, 1856.

Extract from the Minutes.

WHEREAS, subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, located in the southern and eastern part of this state, experience much annoyance from the frequent and almost weekly practice of subordinate Lodges, located in Philada. and New York, working under the authority of the W. Grand Lodge of Pa. and N. Y. of receiving the applications of persons residing in this state

and passing them through the several degrees of Masonry without regarding the rights of this Jurisdiction therefore,

Resolved, that the W. Grand Master, under the Seal of this Grand Lodge, respectfully request the R. W. Grand Lodges of Penna. and New York, to take such action as in their wisdom may be necessary to protect the subordinates in not allowing subordinates of this Grand Lodge adjacent to their Jurisdictions in not allowing subordinates working under that Jurisdiction, entertaining petitions for the honors of Masonry from persons residing in this state, without consulting the subordinate Lodge nearest the place of residence of such applicant and that the consent of said subordinate so consulted shall be requisite for the reception of any applicant.

I, Joseph Hough, Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the preamble and resolution as passed by said Grand Lodge at its Annual Session on the date aforesaid.

In testimony I have hereto set my hand and Seal of said Grand Lodge at the City of Trenton, May 8th, 1856, A. L. 5856.

[L. S. N. J.] (Signed) JOSEPH H. HOUGH, *Grand Secretary.*

ORANGE, May 30th, 1856.

R. W. BRO., I have enclosed to your address a copy of a preamble and resolution passed at the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of New Jersey which you will please to lay before the M. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The subject I presume will be deemed of sufficient importance not only to enlist prompt attention, but likewise to secure any action which may be necessary to correct the irregularity should any be found to exist. Not having been present at the last Annual Meeting of our Grand Lodge I am not sufficiently acquainted with the facts which gave rise to the passage of the preamble and resolution referred to but should further information be desired it will be promptly furnished by our Secretary Joseph H. Hough, Trenton, New Jersey.

Fraternally yours,

D. BABBIT, *G. Master.*

To Wm. H. Adams, Phila., Secretary Grand Lodge.

On motion duly made and seconded the following named Brethren were admitted: Bros. Wm. Woodside, No. 51; Wm. C. Harris, No. 114; Wm. S. Stewart, Leonard K. Bell, No. 126; Jas. W. Davis, No. 130; John Simmons, Chas. A. Knight, No. 186; Henry Fulmer, No. 187; Mathias Ziegler, No. 211; Robert McCrory, Job Harris, No. 295; W. T. Chase, St. John's Lodge, Newburyport, Mass.

No further business presenting itself the Grand Lodge closed in peace at 10 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 1st, 1856, A. L. 5856.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Quarterly Grand Communication, New Hall, Chestnut Street.

Present: Bro. PETER WILLIAMSON, R. W. G. M. Bro. John K. Mitchell, R. W. Dep. G. M. Bro. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. Sr. G. W. Bro. John Thomson, R. W. Jr. G. W. Bro. Thomas E. Baxter, R. W. G. Treasr. Bro. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty. Bro. George H. Ashton, D. G. Secty. Bro. Joseph S. Riley, S. G. Deacon, *p. t.* Bro. William English, Jr. G. Deacon. Bro. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. Bro. John L. Goddard, G. S. B. Bros. Jos. T. Thomas and Jeremiah L. Hutchinson, G. Stewards. Bro. Horace L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant. Bro. Henry W. Ducachet, G. Chaplain. Bros. James Page and William Whitney, P. Grand Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Mosely, Thomas, Tallman. No. 3, Bilger, English, Carter, Padmore, Thomson. No. 9, Leach, Booth. No. 19, Griscom, Cooper, Bradley, Thornely, Wilson, Thomas, Cummings, Hodges. No. 25, Scott. No. 51, Thomson, Evans, Whitney, Workman. No. 52, Wood, Day, Ferguson, Pearson, Wilson. No. 59, Adams, McPherson, Neill. No. 67, Piersol, Simpson, Reese, Squibb, Loudenslager, Baugh, Martien. No. 71, Jones, Bambery, Hutchinson, Bladen, Frismuth. No. 72, Ashton, O'Harra, Phillips, Thomson. No. 81, Snyder, Fulton. No. 91, Brown, Hinchman, S. H. anl S. C. Perkins. No. 114, Huddell, Thomson, Baxter. No. 115, Heimburger, Parker, Fulmer, Wallis. No. 121, Hall, Mitchell, Levestein, Peterson. No. 125, Maag, Remak. No. 126, Page, Nisbet, Whetham. No. 130, Lescure, Riley, Giller, Young, Strickland, Kirkpatrick, Barrett. No. 131, Matlack, Moore, Penrose. No. 134, Robbins, Goddard, Williamson. No. 155, Martin, Miller. No. 158, Shields, Heimberger, Oliver. No. 186, Little, O'Farrell. No. 187, Purvis. No. 211, Page, Cartwright. No. 230, Langebartle. No. 246, Jones. No. 236, Wilkey. No. 271, Heart. No. 274, Pedrick, Goddard. No. 292, Eckles. No. 295, Harper.

Proxies: Wm. English, Geo. Thomson, G. P. Cummings, Wm. Whitney, Wm. H. Adams, Jas. Simpson, H. Baugh, H. M. Phillips, Gus. Remak, Jas. Page, P. Williamson, Paul B. Goddard, Jacob Loudenslager, J. L. Hutchinson, H. L. Peterson, Jas. Ferguson, Wm. H. Pearson.

Fifty Lodges represented, thirty-three by members and seventeen by proxy.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at ¼ past 7 o'clock, P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication held June 2nd, 1856, were read and adopted.

The minutes of the Adjourned Quarterly Communication held June 16th, 1856, were read and adopted.

By-laws of Lodges Numbers 219, 235, 271, 277 and 297. Also the amendments to the By-laws of Lodges Nos. 130 and 221, on motion were referred to the Committee on By-laws.

An application for a New Warrant to hold a Lodge in Downing-

town, Penna., was read and on motion was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A communication from Lodge No. 71 was read. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication from Lodge No. 115 was read. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication from Lodge No. 126 was read and ordered to be filed.

A communication from Lodge No. 186 was read. On motion was ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication from Lodge No. 216 was read, asking permission to take another ballot in the case of —— —— a rejected applicant for initiation in said Lodge. On motion the prayer of the Lodge was granted, provided the members are notified when said ballot is to take place.

A communication from Lodge No. 218 was read, which was on motion ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 236 asking permission to take another Ballot in the case of —— —— a rejected applicant for Initiation and Membership to said Lodge. On motion the prayer of the Lodge was granted, provided the members are duly notified when said ballot is to take place.

An extract from the proceedings of Lodge No. 256 was read. On motion was ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 273. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 281 appointing Bro. Geo. W. Hufty Proxy to said Lodge in the Grand Lodge. On motion duly made and seconded, Bro. Geo. W. Hufty was duly acknowledged as proxy of said Lodge and the communication ordered to be filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 282. On motion the communication was ordered to be entered and filed.

The following communication was read and on motion duly made and seconded, was referred to a Special Committee, to wit:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

SIRS AND BROTHERS, I hereby charge Brother —— —— with unmasonic conduct in the matter between Presque Isle Lodge, No. 235 of Erie, Pa., and Brother —— —— of the same Lodge for unmasonic conduct towards Bro. —— —— and his family.

Signed, ——— ———

The Right Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to appoint on the foregoing Committee, Bro. Richard C. Johnson, Robert Adrain and Lewis L. Lord (of Lodge No. 234 at Meadville, Crawford County, Pa.).

The following communication was read, to wit:

PHILADA., Sept. 1st, 1856.

To the Grand Lodge of Pa.

BROTHERS, The undersigned finding that his salary at four hundred and fifty dollars is insufficient to afford a decent support for

himself and family is induced to apply to you for its increase to six hundred dollars per annum. From his strict attention to the duties of Janitor of the Hall for the last year he flatters himself that this humble request may be granted.

And he will ever pray, &c.

Signed, W. A. BRADSHAW.

The foregoing elicited considerable discussion but was finally referred to the Hall Committee with a request to report all the facts in the case.

The following resolution was offered and adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that the Right Worshipful Grand Master be and is hereby authorized to draw his Warrant upon the Grand Treasurer for amount of interest due on Loans October first next.

Brother Joseph S. Riley presented the following bill, which was on motion referred to the Committee on Finance, to wit:

Grand Lodge of Penna.

To JOSEPH S. RILEY, Dr.

1822.	
Augt. 26, Gas Loan certificate No. 80 for $10.....	$10 00
1856.	
Augt. 26, For 34 years interest on ditto at 6 per cent.....	20 40
	$30 40

The foregoing bill was accompanied with the certificate alluded to.

The following report from the Committee on By-laws was received and adopted, to wit:—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report, that they have examined the By-laws submitted to them and would recommend that in place of the amendments to the By-laws of Lodge No. 25 the following be substituted, viz: "The fees for conferring degrees and Membership shall in *all* cases be paid in advance and shall be as follows: For conferring the three degrees by Dispensation, $30; for Initiation and Membership, $30; for Membership on an E. A. M. who has received the degree in another Lodge, $30; for Membership on a F. C. M. who has received the degree in another Lodge, $20; for Membership on a M. M. who has received the degree in another Lodge, $10; that Art. VI be stricken from the By-laws of Lodge No. 220 and the following substituted:

"The fees for conferring degrees and for Membership shall in all cases be paid in advance and shall be as follows, viz: For conferring the Three degrees by Dispensation, $20; for Initiation and Membership, $20; for Membership on an E. A. M. who received the degree in another Lodge, $10; for Membership on a F. C. M. who received the degree in another Lodge, $5; for Membership on a M. M. who

received the degree in another Lodge, $3. No petition for Initiation and Membership shall be received unless it be accompanied with the sum of $10 to be returned to the petitioner in case of rejection." That the last clause of Sec. 1, Art. VII be stricken out and the following substituted: "Any member one year in arrears who shall after notice thereof neglect or refuse to pay the same, may be suspended or expelled, due notice having been given of the intended action of the Lodge and the time fixed therefor." That after the words "paying the same" in Sec. 2, Art. XV of said By-laws "if there be sufficient in the Treasury" be invested. That Sec. 5, of Art XVI be stricken out. That all of Sec. 1, Art. XVII after the words "are to be discouraged" be stricken out. That Sec. 2, of Art. XVIII be stricken out and that said By-laws be then approved. That the words "of two-thirds" be stricken out of Sec. 7, Art. VII. That Art. IX be stricken out of the By-laws of Lodge No. 219 and that they then be approved.

RESIGNATIONS.

SEC. 1. Any member wishing to resign must declare his intention in writing at a Stated Meeting and pay all arrearages to the Lodge, including the dues of the evening, or have the same remitted. At the next Stated Meeting his resignation shall be granted providing there are no charges against his character pending in the Lodge.

SEC. 2. Should a Brother desirous of resigning be about to remove or his case be one of necessity, the Lodge may dispense with such portion of the foregoing section as requires one month's delay, and accept said resignation forthwith.

That "two-thirds" be stricken from Articles XI and XVI and "Majority" substituted. That Sec. 3 be stricken from Art. XII and that said By-laws be then approved. That the words "May be stricken from the list of Members" be stricken from Art. 1 of the By-laws of Lodge No. 235 and the words "May be suspended or expelled" be substituted therefor. That the words "of those subject to be stricken from the list of Members by neglect or refusal to pay their dues" be stricken out, and the words "a list of members 12 mos. in arrears" be substituted. That Art. XI be stricken out. That the words "or a majority of them" in the Article relating to the application for Membership, be stricken out. That the article on Fees be stricken out and the following substituted.

FEES.—The fees for conferring Degrees of Membership shall in all cases be paid in advance and shall be as follows, viz.:

For conferring the three degrees by Dispensation, $20; for Initiation and Membership, $20; for Admission of an E. A. M. from another Lodge, $10; for Admission of a F. C. M. from another Lodge, $5; for Admission of a M. M. from another Lodge, $2.

That from the Sec. on non-payment of dues the word "shall" be stricken out and the word "may" substituted. That to the Art. on Resignations be added "at the next Stated Meeting provided there be

no charges against his character pending in the Lodge, but should he wish to remove or his case be one of necessitythe Lodge may accept his resignation forthwith." And that said By-laws be then approved. That the word "Sustained" be stricken from Sect. 1, Art. IV of the By-laws of Lodge No. 271, and the word "recommended" be substituted, and that said By-laws be then approved. That all after the words "Extra Meeting" be stricken from the second sentence of Sec. 2, Art. IV of the By-laws of Lodge No. 277 and that the said By-laws be then approved. That the amendment to the By-laws of Phoenix Lodge, No. 130, be approved. That Art. XV be stricken from the By-laws of Lodge No. 297 and the following substituted:

FEES.—The fees for conferring the degrees and Membership shall in all cases be paid in advance and shall be as follows: For conferring the three degrees by Dispensation, $15; for Initiation and Membership, $15; for Admission of an E. A. M. from another Lodge, $10; for Admission of a F. C. M. from another Lodge, $5; for Admission of a M. M. from another Lodge, $1. That the words two-thirds be stricken from Art. XXII and the word "majority" substituted. And that the said By-laws be then approved. That the amendments to the By-laws of Lodge No. 221 be approved. That the amendments to the By-laws of Lodge No. 246 be approved. All of which is most respectfully submitted.

Signed by the COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

The following report from the Committee on Renting Stores was read and approved, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on Renting the Stores respectfully report that since the last Grand Quarterly communication they have received and paid over to the Grand Treasurer the following sums.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, JAS. SHIELDS, WASHN. HEIMBERGER,
H. BAUGH, GUSTAVUS REMAK,

PHIL., Aug. 27th, 1856. *Committee.*

Amounts received since the first Monday in June last.

1856.

June 26,	J. S. Depuy & Son, 1 mo., due 25th inst.....	$208 33
July 26,	John Marsh, 1 mo., due 25th June inst.....	208 33
" 10,	James Wilcox, 1 mo., due 1st inst.....	208 33
" 26,	J. S. Depuy & Son, 1 mo., due 25th inst.....	208 33
Aug. 4.	Wm. H. Caryell, 1 qrs., due 1st inst.....	625 00
" 13,	James Wilcox, 1 mos., due 1st inst.....	208 33
" 25,	John Marsh, 1 mos., due 1st July inst.....	208 33
		$1,874 98

Payments as follows:

1856.

July 14,	Paid Grand Treasurer.....	$624 99
Augt. 4,	" " "	1,249 99
		$1,874 98

Bro. Joseph S. Riley read the following paper, to wit:

WHEREAS, the means of ventilation in this Grand Lodge Room is very deficient and the same deficiency is found in most of the other chief Rooms. Therefore, be it *Resolved*, that a Committee of three be appointed to look into this matter and see by what means the evil can be remedied and at what cost. *Resolved*, that the above Committee be also charged with a thorough examination of the iron roof on this Hall and report fully as to its present condition and if any what further repairs or additions it will need to make it perfectly substantial and secure. After some little interchange of opinion, upon motion of Bro. E. P. Lescure and duly seconded, the foregoing was referred to the Hall Committee, instead of a Special Committee, which was agreed to.

On motion duly made and seconded the following visiting Brethren were admitted: Bros. Henry A. Burton, No. 2; J. McClery, No. 3; John Whartenby, Wm. I. Wray, No. 19; C. H. Gifford, No. 62; John Bobb, John Rutherford, Jr., No. 67; Jos. D. Server, No. 71; Thos Mowery, No. 72; John Anderson, No. 75; William Woodside, Wm. H. Thackara, No. 81; Thos. Bishop, Wm. Trinkle, No. 126; Lewis Augustine, Geo. W. Summers, Thos. H. Riley, A. W. Supplee, No. 130; Geo. Atkins, No. 131; Wm. H. Warner, No. 155; Francis Funk, No. 158; Jas. D. Carlisle, Jos. H. Boswell, Jas. V. Schreiner, No. 186; Mathias Ziegler, No. 211; Samuel Cliff, No. 236; Michael M. Allen, No. 246; Michael Zahniser, Chas. McGill, No. 251; J. W. Hurley, No. 271; J. W. Shuster, Wm. Robertson, John W. Sickels, No. 274; F. A. Denning, No. 281; Wm. M. Ogden, No. 295; Alex. L. Anderson, No. 1, Del.; W. E. Cook, No. 826, Pictou, N. S.; John W. Green, No. 282, Pa.; J. Johnson, Solomon's Lodge, Charleston, S. C.; I. V. Morrison, No. 51, Ky.; Sam'l L. Swisher, No. 240, Ohio; Sam'l Lamb, Wisc.; C. C. Sims, No. 44, N. J.; W. A. Spencer, No. 76, Va.

Printed proceedings of the following Grand Lodges were received and on motion were referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence: From the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, Georgia, Vermont, Florida, South Carolina, Delaware, Canada West, New York.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at 10 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1st, 1856, A. L. 5856.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication, held in the New Hall, Chestnut Street.

Present: Bro. PETER WILLIAMSON, R. W. G. M. Bro. John K. Mitchell, R. W. D. G. M. Bro. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. Sr. G. W. Bro. John Thomson, R. W. Jr. G. W. Bro. Thomas E. Baxter, R. W. G. Treas. Bro. William H Adams, R. W. G. Secty. Bro. Geo. H. Ashton, Assistant G. Secty. Bro. Richard Vaux, Sr. G. D. Bro. William English, Jr. G. D. Bro. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. Bro. John L. Goddard, G. S. Bearer. Bros. Jos. T. Thomas and Jeremiah L. Hutchinson, G. Stewards. Bro. Horace L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant. Bros. Wm. Whitney, James Hutchinson, Wm. Barger, Jas. Page, P. G. Masters. Bro. Peter Fritz was announced but did not enter the Grand Lodge Room. Rev. Bro. John Chambers, G. Chaplain.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Tallman, Wiler, Blackburne, Thomas, Graham, Guillou. No. 3, Skerrett, Thomson, Martin, Bilger, King, Hatfield, Ashton, Colladay, Webb, Padmore, Leddy. No. 9, Leach, Crow, Kelly, Brothers, Booth, Dorsey, Henderson. No. 19, Cummings, Wright, Wilson, Childs, Cooper, Park, Masters, Hodges, Hines. No. 25, Scott, Benezett. No. 43, Howell. No. 45, Adair. No. 51, Thomson, Howell, Allen, Whitney, Workman. No. 52, Day, Simmons. No. 59, Taylor, Sinexon. No. 67, Griffith, Montgomery, Deklyne, Peirsol, Jas. Hutchinson, Jos. Hutchinson, Wagner, Baugh, Conrad, Weeks, Reese, Loudenslager, Martien, Bispham. No. 71, Bladen, Hutchinson, Jones, Frishmuth, Hancock. No. 72, Molan, O'Harra, Williams, Ashton, Gibson, Thompson, Chase, Brown, Barger, Phillips. No. 81, Snyder, Fulton, Wentz. No. 91, Mallery, Connelly, Badger. No. 114, Spackman, Stevenson, Thompson, Thomson, Boyd, Huddell, Baxter. No. 115, Wallis, Heimberger, Supplee, Parker, Black, Fulmer. No. 121, Mitchell, Peterson, Lennig, Hall, Vaux, Foering, Mott. No. 125, Maag, Remak, Bournonville, Ziegler, Steiner, Muckle, Peeler, Kohn. No. 126, Moore, Jackson, Page, Nesbit. No. 130, Brown, Logue, Lescure, Riley, Strickland, Chandler, Easby, Giller, Young, Kirkpatrick, Piper. No. 131, Smith, Penrose, Moore, Price. No. 134, Stocker, Williamson, Goddard, Murphy, Roney. No. 135, McGregor, Ledworth, Evans, Mullen, McCally, Hyneman, White, DeGrote. No. 152, Porter, Herbert, Lang, Patterson, Thomas, Lines. No. 155, Downey, Glenn, Miller, Bacon, Wilkinson, Allen, Collins, Carter, Ruan, Martin, Fritz. No. 158, Shields, Oliver, McKinley, Renneker, Jones, Richards. No. 186, O'Farrell, Bigley, Gaskill, Smith, Little, Fletcher, McIntyre, Hufty, Barrington, Russell, Marple. No. 187, Parsons, Purvis, Zimmerman, Loeser, Frost, Hann. No. 190, Brown Zimmerman, Richards, Seibert, Johnson. No. 211, Cartwright, Page, Bennett, Warthman, Hall, Wright. No. 224, Donaldson. No. 227, Lowe, Diehl. No. 230, Mather, Taylor, Langbartle, Graeff. No. 243, McCalla. No. 246, Hyneman, Jones, Wildey. No. 271, Slemmer, Mayer, Hart, Rienstine. No. 274, Horner, Goddard, Pedrick, Sears, Rubicam. No. 287, McCandless. No. 289, Kelly, Porter, Gwyn, Loughead, Phillips. No. 291, Oakford. No. 292, Brooks, Murphy, Eckles. No. 295, Gilpin, Harper, Yerkes, Elliot. No. 299, Petriken.

Proxies: Bros. Wm. English, for Nos. 21 and 265; Wm. Whitney,

No. 22; E. Benington, No. 60; Wm. Barger, Nos. 164, 249 and 297; F. Lennig, No. 62; W. W. Thomson, No. 106; A. Bournonville, No. 108; W. L. Bladen, No. 153; Wm. H. Adams, Nos. 138 and 282; P. Williamson, No. 156; Jas. Simpson, No. 163; C. C. Williams, No. 197; H. Baugh, No. 218; H. M. Phillips, Nos. 199 and 268; F. Blackburne, Nos. 216 and 267; Jas. Page, Nos. 222 and 226; I. S. Hutchinson, No. 232; Jacob Steiner, No. 234; Geo. Smith, No. 259; Geo. W. Hufty, No. 281; H. L. Peterson, No. 284; R. Vaux, No. 286; Stephen Taylor, No. 255; Wm. Leach, Geo. Thomson, No. 241; L. Hyneman, No. 288; R. S. Wilson, No. 61; Jas. Hutchinson, ——.

Seventy-nine Lodges represented, forty-four by members and thirty-five by proxy.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at ½ past Six o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held September 1st, 1856, were read and adopted.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 297 appointing Brother William Barger, Proxy. When on motion the communication was ordered to be entered and filed and Bro. Wm. Barger acknowledged as the Proxy of said Lodge in the Grand Lodge.

After reading a communication from Lodge No. 282 at Hollidaysburg, Blair County, setting forth the appointing of Bro. Wm. H. Adams the Proxy of said Lodge, the communication was ordered to be entered and filed. And Bro. Wm. H. Adams duly acknowledged as the Representative for said Lodge.

An application was read from a number of Brethren residing in the neighborhood of Hawley, Wayne County, for a warrant to hold a Lodge at said place and nominating Bro. William L. Stewart as the first Worshipful Master; Brother Oscar Freeman as the first Senior Warden, and Henry Tarbell as the first Junior Warden. On motion the application was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

Reports from Committees were called for by the R. W. G. Master and responded to as follows:

Bro. William Whitney as Chairman of Committee on Finance presented the following Reports, to wit: Report of the Committee on Finance, on the application of Towanda Lodge No. 108, on the application of Lodge No. 276 and No. 278, on the application of Bro. Joseph S. Riley for payment of Gas Certificate, also on the finances of the Grand Lodge. Report of the Hall Committee. Report of the Committee on Renting Stores in front of the Hall. Report of Committee on Sale of 3d St. Hall. Report of the R. W. G. Master on placing the Lodge alley front of the Hall fire proof. Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Report of Committee on New York Difficulties. Report of the Committee on the Ahiman Rezon.

This being the night set apart for the election of Officers the R. W. Grand Master appointed Bros. James Page, William Whitney, E. P. Lescure and D. C. Skerritt, Tellers. The Grand Lodge then proceeded to a ballot.

After report of the Tellers the R. W. Grand Master announced the following Brethren Elected, as follows:

Bro. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. M. Bro. John K. Mitchell, R. W. D. G. M. Bro. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. Sr. G. W. Bro. John Thomson, R. W. Jr. G. W. Bro. James Shields, R. W. G. Treas., in place of Bro. Thos. E. Baxter who declined a re-election. Bro. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty.

TRUSTEES GIRARD BEQUEST.

Bros. Samuel H. Perkins, Anthy. Bournonville, James Hutchinson, George P. Little and Jacob Steiner.

TRUSTEES NEW MASONIC LOAN.

Bros. William Badger, Philip R. Howard, William English, David Jayne and John Simons.

TRUSTEES GRAND LODGE CHARITY FUND.

Bros. James Kelly, John Bradley, James Gwyn, Geo. H. Ashton and William English.

On motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Master be and he is hereby authorized to draw his warrant in favor of the R. W. Grand Secretary on the Grand Treasurer for the amount of interest due and payable on the first day of January next on Masonic Loans.

On motion of Bro. Jeremiah L. Hutchinson and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary under the supervision of the R. W. Grand Master be authorized to divide the certificate of the New Masonic Loan now held by S. and R. S. Wilson into Certificates of one hundred dollars each.

The Grand Lodge then closed in peace at ½ past 10 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15th, 1856, A. L. 5856.

Extra Quarterly Grand Communication, held in the New Hall.

Present: Bro. PETER WILLIAMSON, R. W. G. M. Bro. John K. Mitchell, R. W. D. G. M. Bro. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. Sr. G. W. Bro. John Thomson, R. W. Jr. G. W. Bro. Thomas E. Baxter, R. W. G. Treas. Bro. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty. Bro. George H. Ashton, D. G. Secty. Bro. Joseph S. Riley, Sr. G. Deacon. Bro. William English, Jr. G. Deacon. Bro. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. Bro. William Leach, G. S. Bearer. Bros. Jeremiah L. Hutchinson and Joseph T. Thomas, G. Stewards. Bro. Horace L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant. Bro. John Chambers, G. Chaplain. Bros. Peter Fritz and William Whitney, P. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Blackburne. No. 3, Leddy, Carlin, Skerrett, English, Kerr, Thomson, Martin, Brewer. No. 9, Crow, Leach, Kelly, Wright. No. 19, Hodges, Thornley, Griscom, Shields, Thomas,

Cummings. No. 25, Scott. No. 51, Thomson, Whitney, Workman. No. 52, James, Ramsey, Wilson, Day. No. 59, Adams, Sinexon, Davenport. No. 67, Baugh, Smith, Reese, Weeks, Squibb. No. 71, Hutchinson, Levering. No. 72, Ashton, Thompson, Phillips. No. 91, Badger, Mallery, Perkins, Connelly. No. 114, Baxter, Boyd, Clark, Krider, Stevenson, Huddell. No. 115, Heimberger, Parker. No. 121, Mitchell, Peterson. No. 125, Maag. No. 126, Simpson, Moore. No. 130, Chandler, Lescure, Riley, Brown, Giller, Kirkpatrick, Young. No. 131, Moore, Penrose. No. 134, Ogden, Williamson, Stocker. No. 155, Glenn, Wilkinson, Bacon, Bowen. No. 158, Renneker. No. 186, Little, O'Farrell, Smith, Scattergood, Hufty, Gaskill. No. 187, Purvis, Parsons, Loeser, Albertson. No. 211, Cartwright, Crockett. No. 224, Donaldson. No. 227, Lowe, Diehl. No. 246, Hyneman, Jones. No. 271, Hart, Mayer, Slemmer. No. 289, Phillips, Porter. No. 295, Gilpin, Elliot, Yerkes. No. 296, Griffith.

Proxies: P. Williamson, J. K. Mitchell, H. M. Phillips, W. H. Adams, Wm. English, Wm. Leach, J. L. Hutchinson, H. L. Peterson, Wm. Whitney, F. Blackburne, Geo. Thomson, G. P. Cummings, R. S. Wilson, H. Baugh, Dan'l Thompson, H. M. Phillips, W. Heimberger, A. C. Stocker, John Thornley, Geo. W. Hufty, Leon Hyneman.

Fifty-three Lodges represented, thirty-two by members and twenty-one by proxy.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at half-past Six o'clock, P. M.

The R. W. Grand Master stated that the business of the Grand Lodge would be resumed at the point to which we had arrived at closing of Meeting held Dec. 1st, 1856.

Amendments to By-laws of Lodges Nos. 125, 126, 226 and 230, also the By-laws of Lodge No. 302. Which were on motion referred to Committee on By-laws.

A communication was read from Harmony Lodge, No. 52; also from Union Lodge, No. 121; also from Lodge No. 155, were all ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Integrity Lodge, No. 187, petitioning for permission to hold another ballot in the case of —— —— who had been rejected by said Lodge. After some discussion the foregoing was referred back to the Lodge for correction.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 197. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 218, at Honesdale, complaining of the action of Cyrus Lodge, No. 208, New York, in refusing to pay a balance of bill of $59.23 for the medical attendance, nursing and funeral of Bro. Jno. B. Tracy, a member of said Lodge who died at Honesdale, Dec. 31, 1853, after promising so to do. On motion the whole matter was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A petition was read from Lodge No. 219, at Pittsburg, asking another ballot in the case of —— —— who had been rejected in said

Lodge. The prayer of the petitioners was granted, provided the Lodge receive from —— —— a new application and for it to go through the regular course of being referred to a Committee, &c., and ballot.

An extract from the proceedings of Lodge No. 220, at Hollidaysburg, Blair County, stating that Bro. Jno. K. Mitchell had been appointed the Proxy of said Lodge in the Grand Lodge. On motion Bro. Jno. K. Mitchell was duly acknowledged as the Proxy of said Lodge and the communication was ordered to be placed on file.

Communications were read from Lodges No. 271, 280 and 294. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 263, appointing Brother Wm. Leach their Proxy. On motion duly made and seconded, Bro. Wm. Leach was acknowledged as Proxy for Lodge No. 263 and the communication was ordered on file.

The following was read and after some little discussion was referred to a Special Committee, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Master and the Grand Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The undersigned respectfully presents this application to the Grand Lodge for remuneration for his services connected with the designs, estimates, &c., &c., of the New Hall on Chestnut Street. By the advice of some of his Masonic Brethren he has delayed thus long in presenting this application and does not place it in the shape of a bill for specific amount but relying upon the well known liberality and justice of your body respectfully suggests that with a proper spirit of compromise upon both sides a fraternal adjustment can no doubt readily be made satisfactory to all parties.

JOHN NOTMAN.

PHILA., December 1st, 1856.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers Anthy. Bournonville, E. H. Butler, Fredk. Lennig, Joseph Moore, Charles Gilpin, on said Committee.

A communication was read from James Herring, R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge (Phillips) New York, in relation to existing difficulties. On motion duly made and seconded, the foregoing was referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

A list of the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Oregon was received and ordered to be filed.

The Grand Secretary stated that he had received the Warrant of Lodge No. 150, formerly held at Troy, Bradford County, said warrant being vacated several years since. On motion was ordered to be filed with the other papers of said Lodge.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 230, asking for a second ballot in the case of —— ——. who had been rejected by said Lodge. On motion the foregoing was referred to a Special Commit-

tee. The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bros. Robert P. King, William Shippen, Jr., and James M. Leddy.

The following report was read, approved and the resolutions attached thereto adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Finance to whom was referred the application from Lodge No. 108, at Towanda, Bradford County, Pa., beg leave to submit the following report. The application states that Lodge No. 108 is desirous of either purchasing or erecting a Hall for the purpose of having a building of their own in which to hold their meetings and they ask assistance from this Grand Lodge. It goes on further to state that their members generally are men in moderate circumstances and unable to render any assistance in the accomplishment of their wishes. That the few members who have means will not loan it to them, because they can employ it to much better advantage. They do not show that they have one cent of means now provided with which to commence their desired undertaking but come to the Grand Lodge and ask for the remission of their dues or such other assistance as the Grand Lodge may see fit to grant them. Your Committee are clearly and unanimously of the opinion that the Grand Lodge ought not to grant the prayer of the petitioner. First, for the reason that at present they do not think the situation of the finances of the Grand L. would justify it. Secondly, they do not think it should be the policy of this Grand Lodge to encourage any of the Subordinate Lodges in such undertakings, unless they have the means provided which will enable them to accomplish their desired end without future embarrassment. Your committee are always ready to recommend assistance to the subordinate Lodges when they think it prudent and proper and not prejudicial to the interests of the Grand Lodge. But in this case your Committee cannot recommend either the remission of their dues or that money should be granted for the purpose stated in their petition. They therefore submit the following resolutions and ask for their adoption: *Resolved*, that the application from Towanda Lodge, No. 108, asking for assistance to enable them to purchase or build a Hall it is deemed inexpedient to grant their request.

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary furnish Towanda Lodge with the substance of this report and a copy of the above resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed, WILLIAM WHITNEY, GEO. W. HUFTY,
F. BLACKBURNE, DANL. TMOMPSON,
ROBT. CLARK, *Committee of Finance.*

PHIL., Dec. 15, 1856.

The following report was read, approved and the resolutions attached thereto adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee of Finance to whom was referred the application for relief from Lodge No. 276, at Brookville, Jefferson County, Pa., beg leave to submit the following report. The application states that the Hall in which they held their meetings was destroyed by fire by which calamity they lost all their Lodge furniture amounting in value to about $300. They succeeded, however, in saving their books, warrant and regalia. In consequence of this destruction of their property by fire, they very justly, your committee ask for some assistance. Your Committee feeling that some aid can be granted without any detriment to the Grand Lodge and believing as they do that it is the duty of the Grand Lodge to furnish pecuniary aid to Lodges in the Country in cases of this kind they therefore offer the following resolutions: *Resolved*, that the dues to the Grand Lodge owing by Lodge No. 276 up to the close of the year 1855 be and the same are hereby remitted.

Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Master be authorized to draw his warrant on the Grand Treasurer for the sum of fifty dollars for the purpose of aiding Lodge No. 276 in replacing their lodge furniture, and the Grand Secretary furnish the W. M. of said Lodge a copy of both these Resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM WHITNEY, ROBERT CLARK,
DANL. THOMPSON, GEORGE W. HUFTY,
FRANS. BLACKBURNE, *Committee of Finance.*

PHIL., Decr. 1, 1856.

The following report was also received and the resolutions appended thereto adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Finance to whom was referred the communication from Lodge No. 278, at Johnstown, Cambria County, asking to be released from the payment of their dues to the Grand Lodge for the year 1854, beg leave to submit the following report. The Secretary of that Lodge has furnished a written statement setting forth that on the 28th day of Nov., 1854, their books, papers and warrant were all destroyed by fire as well as about sixty dollars in money. In consequence of this calamity they were unable to make their payment to the Grand Lodge for that year. After they had been furnished with a new warrant they again resumed their labor, though with an exhausted treasury but through the liberality of their W. M., who loaned the Lodge money, they were enabled to pay their Grand Lodge dues for the year 1855. In consideration of these facts they ask to be exonerated from the payment of any dues to this Grand Lodge for the year 1854, which request your committee are unanimously of the opinion should be granted. They therefore submit the following resolution and ask for its adoption:

Resolved, that Cambria Lodge, No. 278 be exonerated from all their Grand Lodge dues for the year 1854 and that the Grand Secretary furnish said Lodge with a copy of this resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. WHITNEY, ROBT. CLARK,
DANL. THOMPSON, GEO. W. HUFTY,
FRS. BLACKBURNE, *Committee of Finance.*

The following report was also read as follows, to wit:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have considered the claim of Brother Joseph S. Riley as presented to the Grand Lodge and referred to the Finance Committee for examination.

The claim is as follows:

Grand Lodge of Penna.

To JOS. S. RILEY, Dr.

Aug. 26, 1822, To amount of certificate of Gas Loan..... $10 00
1856.
Aug. 26th, To 34 years interest..... 20 40

$30 40

The Committee felt somewhat (embarrassed) surprised to find a claim of this character existing against the Grand Lodge, especially as it showed that other claims of a similar character might also be in existence. They have therefore used every means in their power to collect information on the subject and by the assistance of Bro. Adams the Grand Secretary, Bro. John Thompson and others who participated in the doings of the Grand Lodge in those days the Committee have collected the following which they believe to be the true facts of the case and they are corroborated by a report made to this Grand Lodge June 18, 1838, by a Committee appointed on a claim of Samuel Hazlehurst which was precisely the same nature as this of Bro. Riley. For History of Loan see Minute Book, folio 100 "Gas Loan." The adjustment on file in the archives of the Grand Lodge was made the basis on which the certificates of Gas Stock have all been redeemed except 18 shares of which this certificate on which Bro. Riley makes his claim and which was issued to Emmer T. Weaver of Lodge No. 2. The adjustment shews that there was due to Bro. E. T. Weaver on the 31st of December, 1838, from the Grand Lodge on a/c of Certificate No. 80 of Gas Stock the sum of $10.67, as follows:

50 per cent. of Principal..... $5 00
Arrears of interest 5 67

$10 67

but no new certificate appears to have been issued. It is in evidence before your Committee that Bro. Riley was repeatedly told that by calling on Bro. McAlpin, the Treasurer of the Trustees of the Gas Loan, he could obtain one-half of his claim and the Grand Lodge would then be responsible for the other half, but he refused saying "that it was not his business to hunt up the debtors of the Grand Lodge," forgetting that the Grand Lodge never was responsible for the Gas Company and only assumed ½ of its liabilities at the time of the sale of the Hall the other half being already provided for, and in consequence of this refusal of Bro. Riley the amount placed in Bro. McAlpin's hands as due to Bro. Weaver was lost by Bro. McAlpin's Death. Annexed is a statement of the outstanding 18 shares of Gas Stock on which the Grand Lodge is liable for $10.67 each and interest from 31st day of December, 1838, but it is probable that few of them will be called for as the Brethren in whose names they were issued are all dead and gone. The Committee submit the following resolution: that the R. W. Grand Master be authorized to draw his warrant on the Grand Treasurer for $10.67 and interest from Dec. 31, 1838, in payment of the Grand Lodge liability on Certificate No. 80 of Gas Loan.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, WM. WHITNEY, FRANS. BLACKBURNE,
ROBERT CLARK, GEORGE W. HUFTY,
DANL. THOMPSON, *Committee of Finance.*

Bro. James B. Chandler mover to amend the above resolution by paying the whole amount of Bro. Riley's claim of $30.40, upon putting the question the R. W. Grand Master could not decide, a division was called for and upon report of the Grand Marshal it appeared that 27 voted for and 40 against. Bro. Chandler's amendment was decided as lost. The resolution offered by the Committee was then put and adopted. Bro. Jos. S. Riley then asked for the return of his certificate. Which was granted and the certificate returned.

The Committee of Finance beg leave to further report,

That in pursuance of their duties as laid down in the Ahiman Rezon they submit a statement of the financial condition of the Grand Lodge with an estimate of the probable receipts and expenditures for the ensuing Masonic year. By the existing regulations the finance year ends on the 31st day of December and the Masonic year on the 27th of December while the Finance Committee are required to give in their estimates and report on the first Monday in December. This prevents so complete a report being made as the Committee would wish and it is to be hoped that the Committee having in charge the revision of the Ahiman Rezon will so amend that law as to make the financial year end a short time previous to the time when the report should be made to the Grand Lodge. However by the attention of the Grand Treasurer the pres-

ent report will comprise a period from January 1st up to Nov. 15 of the present year, during which time the receipts and expenditures have been as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Bal. Jany. 1st, 1856	$1,127 81
Receipts from Lodges	17,289 78
" " Chapters and Encampments, &c	391 70
" " Dispensations, Warrants, &c	1,364 50
" " Renting Committee	6,458 26
" " Hall Com. for Old furniture	133 47
" " Sale of 3d St. Hall	14,144 67
	$40,910 19

PAYMENTS.

Building and Furnishing Comms	$23,792 57
Hall Committee	2,844 22
Interest on Loans	5,364 00
Bills and Expenses Grand Lodge	1,255 62
Insurance	200 00
Subscription to Almoners	180 00
Salaries	1,230 50
Expenses Grd. Master	488 07
do. " Secretary	61 80
do. " Treasurer	9 60
Amount paid for regalia for dedication and not yet repaid by the Lodges	2,295 32
Balance on hand Nov. 15th, 1856	3,188 49
	$40,910 19

The claims against the Grand Lodge are believed to be discharged except the current expenses, and the surplus receipts may be devoted to the extinction of the Masonic Loans, which at present amount to 151,000 dollars and judging from our present prospects but very few years will elapse before the Grand Lodge will be entirely clear of debt. The Finance Committee would again call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the large amount of back dues owing by the subordinate Lodges and would advise the appointment of a special Committee to attend to that important duty. They would also call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the neglect of the subordinate Lodges in not paying for the regalia obtained by them for the dedication and the collection of which might with great propriety be entrusted to the same Committee. After consultation with the Grand Officers and Committees having charge of the collection and expenditures of the Grand Lodge funds, the Committee report the following as the probable receipts and expenditures for the ensuing year, to wit:

RECEIPTS.

From Lodges, Chapters and Encampments, &c., &c.....	$21,000 00
" Dispensations, Certificates, Warrants, A. Rezons.....	2,000 00
" Rent of Stores.....	10,000 00
" Collections from Lodges for Regalia.....	2,000 00
	$35,000 00

EXPENSES.

Hall Committee	Janitor.....	$450 00	
	Fuel	475 00	
	Gas	800 00	
	Cleaning Hall	300 00	
	Taxes and Water Rent.....	1,700 00	
	Incidentals	300 00	
			$4,025 00
Interest on Loans.....			9,060 00
Salaries			1,700 00
Subscriptions to Almoners Fund.....			360 00
Expenses of Grand Master.....			1,000 00
do. " Secretary			300 00
do. " Treasurer			50 00
			$16,495 00

Showing a surplus of..... $18,505 00

over and above our regular expenditures. With these remarks the Committee submit the following resolutions for the approval of the Grand Lodge:

Resolved, that the following appropriations be made for the year 1857, to wit:

For the Hall Committee.....	$4,025 00
" " payments of Interest	9,060 00
" " " " Salaries	1,700 00
" Subscription to Almoners.....	360 00
" Expenses of Grand Master.....	1,000 00
" " " " Secretary	300 00
" " " " Treasurer	50 00
	$16,495 00

Also resolved, that a Committee of Three be appointed to collect the dues owing from the Subordinate Lodges up to St. John's day 1856 and also to collect the amounts owing for the dedication regalia.

All of which is submitted.

WM. WHITNEY, ROBERT CLARK,
GEORGE W. HUFTY, FRAN. BLACKBURNE,
DANIEL THOMPSON, *Committee of Finance.*

The first resolution was adopted, the second was withdrawn and report approved.

The Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence was referred back for some additional matter accidentally omitted.

The following report from the Hall Committee was approved and the resolutions attached thereto adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. G. M., Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Hall Committee report, that since their last report to the Grand Lodge of their proceedings, they have had placed to the Gas Meters in the Hall "The Penna. Gas Register," which your committee before adopting had a number of trials to test its usefulness, from which they came to the conclusion that it economized the consumption of Gas 33 per cent., at the same time it gave a more beautiful light and had entire control of street pressure. They further report, that they have had the iron roof repaired and restored to its original position with additional security so as to guard against any contingencies in future. They also report that they have taken measures for ventilating the Lodge Rooms which they believe will be sufficient for the same, which fact they will not be able to ascertain before the warm weather sets in, and should the present method not be sufficient, additional ventilation will have to be obtained. In obedience to a resolution of the Grand Lodge, they further report in relation to Bro. Bradshaw that in June last he presented a petition to the Committee stating that the compensation he received was insufficient to support his family. On motion said petition was laid on the table. The petition was called up at their August Meeting, but a bare quorum being present it was suggested that action on his petition had better be had with a full Committee present, and it was further postponed. At their Stated Meeting in September the Committee were all present and his petition was again called up and after interchange of opinion, it was, on motion, unanimously resolved, that it was inexpedient to increase his salary. In passing the above resolution your Committee felt satisfied that his place could be supplied by others on the same terms and the number of applicants has proved that they were correct in their opinion and that they were bound to economize the funds of the Grand Lodge as much as possible and as he was dissatisfied with the compensation he received and duties that he had to perform, a motion was made that the Secretary be directed to notify Bro. Bradshaw that his services would not be required after the 30th of Sept., 1856.

Your committee also report that they have employed Bro. Jacob H. Squibb to perform the duties about the Hall at $37.50 per month, who seems well satisfied with his situation and thus far has given entire satisfaction to your Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HARMAN BAUGH, WASHN. HEIMBERGER,
ALBERT B. ASHTON, JOSEPH MOORE,
CHARLES BROTHERS, *Hall Committee.*

DEC. 1, 1856.

The Hall Committee further report as follows:

The Committee would state to the Grand Lodge that the Grand Tyler experiences considerable inconvenience as to the manner in which the Schuylkill water is introduced into the Hall and to its distribution, also to the gas in his apartments. The past winter they were both rendered useless for at least three weeks by being frozen so that no water could be had for the water closets or for culinary purposes. Your Committee believe to make the alterations necessary it would involve a greater expenditure of money than they would be willing to incur unless directed so to do by the Grand Lodge, they are also of opinion that whatever action the Grand Lodge may take on the subject should be done as soon as possible so that the incoming Committee for 1857 can act understandingly on the subject. They therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Hall Committee be directed to have such alterations made with the Schuylkill Water and gas as will prevent their freezing and be most conducive to the convenience of its occupants on the best terms they can obtain.

HARMAN BAUGH, WASHN. HEIMBERGER, JOSEPH MOORE,
Hall Committee.

DEC. 18 1856.

On motion the foregoing reports were accepted and the resolution appended adopted.

The following report from the Committee on Renting Stores in front of Hall was read, approved and ordered to be filed:

To the Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee upon Renting respectfully report, that since the last Grand Quarterly Communication they have received and paid over to the Grand Treasurer the following sums which was all of the indebtedness to the Grand Lodge for the rental. Misses Scott and Wolbert are now occupying the store formerly occupied by Mr. Marsh at the rent of fifty dollars per week. Mr. John Marsh being unfortunate in business and having paid his rent in full to the Grand Lodge, in the opinion of the Committee it was thought best to release him, as Misses Wolbert & Scott would occupy the store temporarily and in the mean time we would be able to get a new tenant. Misses Scott & Wolbert's lease after the 1st of January is upon sufferance. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES SHIELDS, HARMAN BAUGH,
WASH. HEIMBERGER, GUSTAVUS REMAK,
Committee on Renting Stores.

DEC. 15, 1856.

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Sept. 26,	J. Stewart Depuy & Sons, 1 Mos. rent 25th inst....	$208 33
Octr. 15,	Jas. Wilcox, 1 Mos.....	208 33

Nov.	10, J. Stewart Depuy's 25 Oct	$208 33
"	" W. H. Caryell, 1 quarter's rent due 1st inst	625 00
"	18, Jas. Wilcox, 1 mos. due 1st inst	208 33
"	27, J. Marsh, 1 quar. rent 25th inst	625 00
Dec.	1, J. Depuy & Son, 1 mos. rent 25th inst	208 33
"	15, James Wilcox, due 1st inst	208 33
		$2,499 98

1856.

Nov.	26, Paid T. E. Baxter, Grand Tr	$1,458 32
Dec.	1, " " " "	833 33
"	15, " " " "	208 33
		$2,499 98

On motion of Bro. Joseph S. Riley and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that the Grand Treasurer-elect be appointed to rent the stores and receive the rents in future and that the Committee on Renting Stores be discharged. This was fully agreed to.

On motion of Bro. Wm. Whitney the following resolution was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that the Grand Treasurers be hereafter required to give security and that the amount fixed for the present elected Treas. be ten thousand dollars.

The following report was read, to wit:

BRETHREN, In accordance with a resolution adopted at the Adjourned Quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge held May 5th, 1856, "requesting the Grand Master to cause the Lodge Alley front of the Hall to be forthwith placed in such a condition as to make it substantially fire proof and the area if necessary," I report that upon examination and consultation with competent mechanics the necessity for making the windows in the area fire proof was not so apparent as to justify the expense and consequently they have not been placed in this condition, preferring to submit the subject to the consideration of the Grand Lodge and wait their action and if with the knowledge of the expense they should determine otherwise immediate attention will be given to carry their wishes into effect. The windows on the Lodge Alley front have all been furnished with shutters, those on the Tyler's House being made of wood and covered with sheet iron including the sills, and those on the Hall made of iron exclusively. Proposals for the work was received from several persons which resulted in the selection of Masters & Tomlinson for

the carpenter's work and Garland and Story for the iron work at the following prices:

Masters & Tomlinson's bill	.....	$125 00
Garland & Story "	.....	265 00
		$390 00

which bill has been paid by the Grand Treasurer. The lowest proposal for iron shutters to the windows in the area is $989. All of which is respectfully submitted by the Grand Master. R. W. D. Grand Master, Bro. John K. Mitchell moved that the R. W. Grand Master be authorized to have new shutters placed on the windows in the area. The question on the foregoing was taken and lost. Bro. Jos. S. Riley then moved that the Grand Master have effected on this hall such additional insurance as he may deem expedient. This was agreed to. Bro. G. Parker Cummings moved that a committee be appointed to take into consideration the practicability of making the whole building fire proof and report to the Grand Lodge. On motion duly made and seconded, the whole matter was laid on the table.

The following report was read and Committee discharged.

The Committee on Sale of Third Street Hall in submitting their account of monies received and paid take this occasion to say that, owing to the absence of parties, the deed to Mr. Joseph Harrison, the purchaser, was not executed until August 6th. In making the transfer your Committee met with an unexpected difficulty. It appears from the deed of Mrs. Greeland, the owner of the adjoining property on the north, that she was in the possession of a right to a window overlooking the premises sold. To relinquish this right Mrs. Greeland asked the sum of five hundred dolls., and as the Hall was sold clear of all incumbrance your Committee (after advice) arranged the matter by the purchaser paying one-half the amount and the Grand Lodge the other half. Another incumbrance was a "Deed of Trust" to the City Dancing Assembly conveying to them certain rights and these rights were waived some years since, but had never been formally relinquished and placed on record. The expenses attending the relinquishment of said right properly belonged to, and were now paid by the Grand Lodge; for a full account of which your Committee refer you to their accompanying account and vouchers (see said account filed.)

(Note of Sec. A.) "Deed of Trust did not accompany the Committee's papers, for explanation see Mr. Biddle's receipt."

Having completed the duty assigned them your Committee respectfully ask leave to be discharged.

On behalf of the Committee.

Signed, JOHN THOMSON, *Chairman.*

PHIL., Dec. 1, 1856.

The following Report from the Committee of the Committee on By-laws was read and adopted, to wit:

The Committee on By Laws respectfully report that they have examined the By-laws and amendments submitted to them, and would recommend as follows: That the amendments to By-Laws of Lodge No. 125, Article VIII, striking out the words "twenty-five dollars" and inserting "thirty-five dollars," be approved. That the amendments to By-laws of Lodge No. 126 also be approved. That the By-laws of Eureka Lodge, No. 302, also be approved. That in lieu of the amendments proposed by Lodge No. 226 the following be substituted:

"ARTICLE XI. Every person Initiated in this Lodge shall pay the sum of twenty-five dollars ($25.00), of which $7.50 shall accompany the petition of the applicant and be forfeited if he shall not come forward for Initiation. An E. A. Mason from another Lodge who shall receive in this Lodge the degree of F. C. or M. M. shall pay seven dollars and fifty cents for each degree. A F. C. Mason from another lodge who shall receive the degree of a M. M. in this Lodge shall pay ten dollars, and a M. M. in good standing may be admitted a Member of this lodge by paying five dollars. These fees to be paid by the applicant at or before the time of receiving the degrees or being admitted. The sum of Five dollars for each Initiation shall be set apart as a charitable fund. Every person initiated by virtue of a dispensation shall pay the same fees as if he had petitioned the Lodge for that purpose. No clergyman admitted into this Lodge as a member shall be required to pay any of the fees mentioned in this Article." ARTICLE XIV. *Duty of Tyler.* "He shall receive a compensation for every meeting whether stated or special that he attends the Lodge as Tyler the sum of one dollar and he shall be exempt from the payment of regular dues."

Respectfully submitted,

Signed by the COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

The Grand Secretary brought to the attention of the Grand Lodge the wish of Richmond Lodge, No. 230, that they be permitted to divide the Initiation fee into three payments and take a portion from the applicant as he progresses through the F. C. degree and Master Mason. The Grand Lodge decided that the fee could not be divided. That the whole sum was due and payable as soon as the candidate was Initiated. That if upon an applicant's Initiation he did not see fit to take the F. C. and M. M. degree in the Lodge in which he was Initiated he would have to pay an extra charge into the Lodge which conferred said degrees upon him subsequently.

The Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund made a full and able report on their proceedings for the last year. When on motion of Bro. Edwd. P. Lescure and duly seconded, it was resolved that the report be printed and a copy sent to every Lodge under this Jurisdiction. Agreed to.*

The Chairman of the Committee in the case of —— —— who had been expelled by Lodge No. 130 reported that in consequence of the

* See Appendix C, page 359.

continued absence of —— —— from the state, nothing could be done in the matter and asked that the Committee be discharged. On motion the request was complied with, and the Committee discharged.

On motion duly made and seconded the following named Brethren were admitted as visitors: Bros. Francis P. Magee, No. 3; Samuel D. Baker, No. 17; Arthur Brades, No. 19; A. S. Colly, No. 24; Sam'l Morton, No. 24, Ala.; Jno. R. Lenth, No. 61; Christian Holz, No. 62; Jno. Rutherford, Jno. Bolt, No. 67; W. C. Parker, No. 71; Louis Seidenback, Richard Brown, No. 72; Wm. C. Harris, No. 114; John Goshorn, No. 128, Wheeling, W. Va.; Geo. W. Summers, Lewis J. Garrett, No. 130; Jeremiah Adshead, Jos. H. Boswell, No. 186; Henry G. Fulmer, No. 187; John Hunsworth, No. 211; J. G. Wolfe, No. 193, N. J.; Wm. McCartney, No. 289; Charles Vanwinchler, No. 295; Samuel Maguire, No. 100, Md.; Charles B. Wright, Robert Faulkner, Andrew I. Fuller, No. 235.

Ten o'clock, P. M., having arrived the Grand Lodge then closed in peace to meet on the first Monday in January next.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27th, 1856, A. L. 5856.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Annual Grand Communication.

Present: Bro. PETER WILLIAMSON, R. W. G. M. Bro. John K. Mitchell, R. W. D. G. M. Bro. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. Sr. G. W. Bro. John Thomson, R. W. Jr. G. W. Bro. Thomas E. Baxter, R. W. G. Treas. Bro. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty. Bro. George H. Ashton, Dep. G. Secty. Bro. James M. Leddy, Sr. G. Deacon. Bro. Robert Clark, Jr. G. Deacon. Bro. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. Bro. Jacob Steiner, G. S. Bearer. Bros. Joseph T. Thomas and Jerh. L. Hutchinson, G. Stewards. Bro. Horace L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant. Bros. Rev. John Chambers and Henry W. Ducachet, G. Chaplains. Bros. James Hutchinson, Anthy. Bournonville and William Barger, P. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 3, Martin, Sites, Leddy, Skerrett. No. 9, Leach, Kelly, Mackay. No. 19, McGinnis, Caskey, Cummings, Thomas, Thornley, Bradley. No. 25, Scott, Kinsey, Keim. No. 21, Lamberton. No. 51, Howell, Thomson, Bouvier, Johnston. No. 52, Day. No. 59, Adams. No. 61, Yohe. No. 67, Bolt, Baugh, Conrad, Loudenslager, Reese, Hutchinson. No. 71, Hutchinson, Kaufman, Schneider. No. 72, Ashton, Barger, Phillips, Kelly, Thompson, Cornell. No. 81, Wentz, Snyder, Roop. No. 91, Badger, Mallery. No. 114, Boyd, Spackman, Clark, Baxter. No. 115, Black. No. 121, Levy, Peterson, Mitchell. No. 125, Steiner, Bournonville. No. 126, Moore. No. 130, Kirkpatrick, Lescure, Young. No. 131, Atkins, Smith, Penrose. No. 134, Murphy, Williamson, Roney, Becker. No. 155, Martin. No. 158, Shields. No. 186, Barrington. No. 187, Purves. No. 211, Cartwright, Bennett, Wright. No. 230, Hyneman. No. 225, Coulter. No. 246, Giller, Jones. No. 271, Slemmer, Hart, Rienstien. No. 289, Gwyn. No. 292, Eckels, Stearn, Murphy. No. 295, Coleman, Gilpin, Elliot.

Proxies: Bros. P. Williamson, J. K. Mitchell, W. H. Adams, H. M. Phillips, Wm. Leach, J. L. Hutchinson, H. Baugh, Jno. Thornley, G. P. Cummings, Jos. Hutchinson, Wm. Barger, Jacob Steiner.

Forty-eight Lodges represented, thirty-six by members and twelve by proxy.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at half-past Ten o'clock in the morning.

So much of the Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held Dec. 1st, 1856, as relates to the election for officers was read and approved.

Communications were read from District Deputy Grand Masters, Brothers Robert Lamberton and Jas. W. Hailman, which were directed to be filed.

Those who were not Past Masters retired.

R. W. Past Grand Master, Bro. James Hutchinson in the Chair.

When Brother Peter Williamson, Right Worshipful Grand Master-elect and Bro. John K. Mitchell, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master-elect were separately and duly Installed in ancient and solemn form, and being duly proclaimed received the accustomed salutations of the Brethren. Whereupon all who retired were readmitted.

When the following Grand Officers were severally and duly Installed in ancient and solemn form and being duly and cordially proclaimed received the accustomed salutations of the Brethren, to wit:

Bros. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. Sr. G. Warden; John Thomson, R. W. Jr. G. Warden; James Shields, R. W. G. Treas.; William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty.

The R. W. Grand Master delivered a highly appropriate and instructive address.*

The R. W. Grand Master was then pleased to announce the following appointments, to wit:

Grand Chaplains.

Bros. Rev. John Chambers, Peter Van Pelt, H. W. Ducachet, Kingston Goddard, R. Deshea Morris, William Cooper, Danl. Washburn, Wm. H. Reese and Samuel Babcock.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

Bro. Charles M. Howell of Lancaster, for the County of Lancaster.

Bro. George H. McCabe of Tamaqua, for the County of Schuylkill.

Bro. David E. Stout of Reading, for the Counties of Berks and Montgomery.

Bro. James M. Porter of Easton, for Northampton, Carbon and Lehigh Counties.

Bro. George C. Welker of Sunbury, for Northumberland, Union, Columbia and Montour Counties.

* See Appendix D, page 362.

Bro. Robert A. Lamberton of Harrisburg, for Dauphin, Lebanon, Franklin and Cumberland Counties.

Bro. John Cresswill, Jr., of Hollidaysburg, for the Counties of Blair, Cambria, Huntingdon and Mifflin.

Bro. James Amer of Bellefonte, for the Counties of Clinton, Centre and Lycoming.

Bro. James W. Haelman of Pittsburg, for the Counties of Allegheny, Beaver and Westmoreland.

Bro. of for the Counties of Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, Jefferson and Lawrence.

Bro. George H. Bull of Towanda, for the Counties of Bradford, Tioga and Wyoming.

Bro. Nathan F. Marsh of Honesdale, for the Counties of Wayne and Susquehanna.

Bro. H. H. Frisbee of Washington, for the Counties of Washington, Greene and Fayette.

Bro. Ammi Bond of Conneautville, for the Counties of Crawford, Erie, Mercer and Warren.

Bro. N. F. Marsh of Scranton, for the County of Luzerne.

Brother Richard Vaux, Sr. G. Deacon.

Brother William English, Jr. G. Deacon.

Brothers Jos. T. Thomas and Jerh. L. Hutchinson, Grand Stewards.

Brother Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal.

Brother John L. Goddard, G. Sword Bearer.

Brother Horace L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant.

Brother William B. Schnider, G. Tyler.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

Bros. Wm. Whitney, Danl. Thompson, Francis Blackburne, Geo. W. Hufty and Robert Clark.

COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE.

Bros. William Badger, Jas. B. Chandler and Lucius H. Scott.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

Bros. Peter Fritz, Anthy. Bournonville, Jas. Hutchinson, Wm. H. Adams and Robert Frazer.

COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE TRANSACTIONS OF THE LAST YEAR AND TO SELECT FOR PUBLICATION.

Bros. David C. Skerritt, Edwd. Robins and George H. Oliver.

HALL COMMITTEE.

Bros. Harman Baugh, Washn. Heimberger, Albert B. Ashton, Joseph Moore and Charles Brothers.

COMMITTEE ON LAND MARKS.

Bros. Saml. H. Perkins, Samuel Badger, William Barger, James Page and William Whitney.

ALMONERS OF THE GRAND LODGE CHARITY FUND.

Bros. George Smith, Chas. B. Reese, Albert R. Foering and E. H. Butler.

STEWARDS OF THE STEPHEN GIRARD CHARITY FUND.

Bros. Thos. Graham, George Thomson, John Wagner, Chas. Frishmuth, Abraham West, Saml. C. Perkins, Wm. W. Thomson, John McCloud, Atwood Smith, Jacob Steiner, B. Franklin Jackson, E. P. Lescure, Jonn. C. Smith, Thos. Roney, John Martin, Wm. E. Ewing, John E. Ziegler, Alex. Purvis, Mathew Cartwright, Stephen Taylor, Jos. S. Langer, Jacob Meyer, Jno. W. Horner, James Gwynn and Harman Yerkes.

The R. W. Grand Secretary appointed Brother George H. Ashton, Assistant Grand Secretary. On motion the same was unanimously approved by the Grand Lodge.

The following report was read, approved and ordered to be entered and filed, viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The undersigned on behalf of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund beg leave to submit the following report of their proceedings for the year 1856 just brought to a close.

In the performance of their official duties they have granted relief to 78 poor and respectable brethren, to wit:

To 57 applicants hailing from this Jurisdiction	$1,435 00
" 21 do. from foreign Jurisdictions	410 00
Total	$1,845 00
Amount appropriated for the use of the Stewards for the year	2,000 00
From this sum deduct the amount granted leaves a balance on hand January 1st, 1857, of	$155 00

Of the recipients above referred to two have since died and the undersigned has the painful and melancholy duty to announce the demise during the past year of three worthy members of the Board namely Brothers John H. Casey, John G. Sharp and John Leppein. In closing this brief report the undersigned ventures to express the hope that the day is not far distant when the R. W. Grand Lodge relieved from pecuniary embarrassment will be enabled to contribute annually from her revenues to this noble charity, thereby rendering more effective the benevolent intentions of our deceased and worthy Brother Stephen Girard. For if we take it into consideration the position now held by the Grand Lodge, not only in this community but in the Masonic World, occupying so magnificent and costly edifice the distribution annually of only $2,000 for the relief of poor and distressed worthy Brethren coming from every quarter of the Globe is hardly commensurate with the dignity and splendor of her position. The undersigned therefore repeats the hope that the day is not far distant when the Grand Lodge will have the means and the will to render the "Stephen Girard Charity Fund" a glorious monument not only of the beneficence of the lamented brother whose

name it bears, but an unfailing source of relief for those worthy brothers of whatever clime overtaken by poverty and misfortune.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

E. P. LESCURE, *President.*

WM. H. ADAMS, *Secretary to Board.*

On motion a number of visiting Brethren were admitted during the meeting.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at ½ past 12 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5, 1857, A. L. 5857.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Extra Quarterly Communication.

Present: Bro. PETER WILLIAMSON, R. W. G. M. Bro. John K. Mitchell, R. W. D. G. M. Bro. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. S. G. W. Bro. John Thomson, R. W. J. G. W. Bro. James Shields, R. W. G. Treas. Bro. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty. Bro. George H. Ashton, D. G. Secty. Bro. Joseph S. Riley, S. G. Deacon. Bro. David C. Skerritt, J. G. Deacon. Bro. William Leach, G. S. Bearer. Bro. Robert Clark, G. Marshal. Bro. Jeremiah L. Hutchinson and Bro. Edw. Robbins, G. Stewards. Bro. H. L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant. Bro. William Whitney, Jas. Page and P. Fritz, P. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Blackburne, Tallman, Thomas. No. 3, English, Maguire, Thomson, Skerrett. No. 9, Leach, Kelly, Booth. No. 19, Thornley, Griscom, Cummings. No. 25, Scott. No. 51, Allen, Evans, Thomson, Whitney, Johnson. No. 52, Pearson, Ramsey, Hoopes, Day. No. 59, Sinexon, Adams. No. 61, Yohe. No. 67, Weeks, Squibb, Smith, Baugh, Reese, Bolt, Jos. Hutchinson. No. 71, Bladen, Hutchinson, Snider, Golden. No. 72, Williams, Ashton, Thompson, Kelly, Phillips. No. 91, S. C. Perkins. No. 114, Hamill, Thompson, Clark. No. 115, Fulmer, Black, Beenken, Parker, Wallis, McCloud. No. 121, Hall, Mitchell, Campbell, Foering, Levy. No. 125, Muckle. No. 126, Harper, Moore, Nisbet. No. 130, Strickland, Riley, Lescure, Chandler, Giller, Young. No. 131, Smith, Penrose, Atkins. No. 134, Roney, Jackson, Williamson. No. 152, Porter. No. 155, Fritz, Helm, Glenn, Gowie, Collins, Purvis. No. 158, Shields, Witherby, Willis, Reneker. No. 186, Russell, O'Farrell, Little, Scattergood, Boswell. No. 187, Parsons, Albertson, Loeser. No. 211, Crockett, Page, Bender, Cartwright. No. 230, Graeff. No. 246, Jones, Randall, Wildey, Hyneman. No. 274, Pedrick. No. 289, Gwyn, Loughead.

Proxies: P. Williamson, J. K. Mitchell, H. M. Phillips, W. H. Adams, W. Leach, J. L. Hutchinson, H. L. Peterson, W. Whitney, J. Page, P. Fritz, F. Blackburne, W. English, G. Thomson, J. Thornley, G. P. Cummings, W. H. Pearson, H. Baugh, W. L. Bladen, J. B. Chandler.

Fifty-two Lodges represented, thirty-three by members and nineteen by proxy.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at ½ past 6 o'clock, P. M.

The R. W. Grand Master stated that the business of the Grand Lodge would be resumed at the point where we had left off at the Extra Quarterly Meeting, held Dec. 15, 1856.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 2.

The following communication from Bro. —— —— was read and referred to a special Committee of three, viz.:

BALT., Dec. 23, 1856.

To the R. W. G. Master, Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The petition of —— —— respectfully sheweth, that in March last your petitioner presented to your R. W. Body a certain petition that he is informed that said petition was not acted on by reason of his neglect to notify Lodge No. 3 that it would so be presented. That your petitioner has this day forwarded to the proper Officers of said Lodge notice of his intention to make this communication (a copy of which notice is herewith inclosed) your petitioner therefore prays that his said petition may now be acted upon by the Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, —— ——

The R. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Edmund Barrington, Mathew Cartwright and Washn. L. Bladin upon the foregoing case of Bro. ——.

A communication was read setting forth that at a Stated Meeting of Lodge No. 61 at Wilkesbarre, held Sept. 8, 1856, one —— —— an applicant for Initiation and Membership being balloted for was rejected. That subsequently within two or three weeks the said —— —— was E. P. and Raised at a Special Meeting by virtue of a Dispensation granted by Bro. Henry Pettebone, D. D. G. Master, upon the recommendation of Bros. E. P. Harvey, S. W. and W. M. *pro tem.* (the W. M. being absent) and Bro. J. P. Dennis, J. W. Your memorialists in view of these facts prays that the R. W. G. M. and Grand Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge appoint a Committee without delay to inquire into the facts of the case and take such action in the premises as shall be just and Masonic.

Signed by G. B. NICHOLSON.

On motion the foregoing was referred to a Special Committee. The R. W. G. Master appointed Bro. E. P. Lescure, David C. Skerrett, Robert Frazer, Henry C. Howell and Charles Gilpin said Committee.

A communication was read, signed by a number of Brethren of Lodge No. 289 protesting against the election of a Warden in said Lodge at the Stated Meeting in December last and requesting the Grand Lodge to appoint a Committee to enquire into the facts in the case and to stay the Installation of said Officers until the Grand Lodge acts in the matter. On motion and seconded, the whole matter was referred to a Special Committee with instructions that the

S. W. in Lodge No. 289 shall not be installed until the report of the Committee is acted upon by the Grand Lodge. The R. W. G. Master appointed Bros. Joseph S. Riley, George H. Hart and John U. Giller on said Committee.

The following report was read, approved and ordered to be entered and filed, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee appointed to tender her mediation to the two Masonic Bodies claiming to be the Grand Lodge of the State of New York for the purpose, if possible, of settling and terminating the controversy between them, respectfully report: that in pursuance of the duty assigned them they severally addressed the said Masonic Bodies and enclosed copies of the preamble and resolutions adopted by this Grand Lodge at a Grand Special Communication, held Jan., 1856. The offer of mediation was at once and cordially accepted by the body over which the M. W. Bro. M. Myers presided, but was after considerable delay the proceedings of this Grand Lodge having been referred to the Committee of Correspondence by the body over which the M. W. Bro. Joseph D. Evans presided as discourteously declined by them. Regretting that an offer conceived in the kindest spirit and which would have been carried out in the present Masonic feeling should have met with so little of brotherly love and fraternal welcome they ask to be discharged from that Committee and that the correspondence be referred to the Committee on Correspondence for such further notice as may be deemed advisable.

JAMES PAGE, on behalf of the Committee.

PHIL., Dec. 1.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a full and able report through Lucius Hubbard Scott the same was listened to with a great deal of pleasure. On motion of Bro. Joseph S. Riley and duly seconded by Jeremiah L. Hutchinson it was resolved, that so much of the report just read as refers to a Report of a Committee made to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in relation to the portraits of their Past Grand Masters and "The recommendation to our Grand Lodge to go and do likewise" be referred to a special Committee. The R. W. Grand Master appointed Bros. Joseph S. Riley, Jeremiah L. Hutchinson, Frederick Lennig, Peter F. Laws and Samuel C. Perkins said Committee. Bro. Joseph S. Riley further moved that the report on foreign correspondence be printed and a copy be sent to our sister Grand Lodges. The foregoing was agreed to provided it was done under the supervision of the R. W. G. Master. This was agreed to.*

The following report from the Committee in the case of —— —— and Lodge No. 235. The Committee to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. —— —— from the action of Presque Isle Lodge, No. 235, begs leave to report, that they have carefully considered the documents in evidence presented to them in this case and find that Bro. ——'s

* See Appendix F, page 372.

complaint is founded on the following facts, to wit: That Bro. —— of Lodge No. 235 brought charges against a certain Bro. —— of the same Lodge for unmasonic conduct; that the charges were referred to a Committee, who simply reported to the Lodge the evidence in the case without expressing an opinion as to Bro. ——'s guilt or innocence. The case was referred back to the Committee with instructions to report whether the charges were proven or not. A majority of the Committee reported the charges against Bro. —— to have been sustained, but recommended him to the mercy of the Lodge. On a motion to adopt so much of the report as to say that the charges against Bro. —— had been sustained a vote was taken in the Lodge and the motion was lost thereby relieving Bro. —— from his unpleasant position. Bro. —— complains of the action of the Lodge in thus acquitting Bro. —— after the Committee had reported against him. But the Lodge were not bound to adopt the report and your Committee are of opinion that where a subordinate Lodge gives a deliberate expression of opinion upon a question of fact, with regard to the conduct of one of its members, it is unadvisable in the Grand Lodge to revise this decision unless some great injustice has been done, or some Masonic usage or custom has been infringed, but after a careful perusal and consideration of the evidence taken in the case which was produced to your Committee and is hereunto annexed they cannot see that such is the fact in the present instance. A very serious error has however been made in the conducting of this case before the Lodge. The good name and character of a Mason should be carefully guarded by his Brethren, and no charge effecting him can be received, except at a Stated Meeting, and due notice must be given to the party interested. These important particulars appear to have been omitted in this case, as the charges were made and received at a Special Communication of the Lodge held April 2, 1856, and your Committee are therefore of opinion that the whole proceedings are informal and null and void. With these remarks the Committee submit the following resolutions for your approval: *Resolved*, that the proceedings in the case of Bro. —— before Presque Isle Lodge, No. 235, be and they are hereby declared by this Grand Lodge to be null and void, because they were not conducted according to the ancient usages and customs of the order. Also, *Resolved*, that this Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the matter and the Grand Secretary be directed to send a copy of this report and resolutions to Presque Isle Lodge, No. 235.

All of which is submitted by

F. BLACKBURNE, E. H. BALLER, SAML. PERKINS, *Committee.*

The foregoing report was amended by striking out the first resolution and inserting the following and as amended was adopted, viz: *Resolved*, that altho' the proceedings of Lodge No. 235 were irregular yet as they have passed upon the merits of the complaint and

decided in favor of the Brother complained of and they do not appear to have erred in so doing that the appeal of Bro. —— be dismissed. This was agreed to.

The Chairman of the Committee on the amended Ahiman Rezon commenced the reading of the same and had progressed about two-thirds through when Bro. Jos. S. Riley moved that the further reading be dispensed with and that the Committee have the same printed and each member furnished with a copy. After considerable interchange of opinion the question was put and not agreed. On motion duly made and seconded, the further reading of the balance of the report was postponed until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

On motion duly made and seconded, a number of visitors were admitted during the evening.

The Grand Lodge then closed, until the third Monday, Jan. 19th, in great harmony at ¼ past 10 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 19, 1857, A. L. 5857.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Extra Quarterly Communication.

Present: Bro. PETER WILLIAMSON, R. W. G. M. Bro. John K. Mitchell, R. W. D. G. M. Bro. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. Sr. G. Warden. Bro. William English, R. W. Jr. G. Warden, *p. t.* Bro. James Shields, R. W. G. Treas. Bro. Wm. H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty. Bro. George H. Ashton, D. G. Secty. Bro. Edwd. Robbins, Sr. G. Deacon. Bro. William Leach, Jr. G. Deacon. Bro. Jas. H. Boswell, G. Marshal. Bro. Mathew Cartwright, G. S. Bearer. Bros. Jeremiah L. Hutchinson and Norwood Penrose, G. Stewards. Bro. John Bolt, G. Pursuivant. Bro. William Whitney, P. G. Master.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Blackburne. No. 3, English, Thomson, Bilger, Martin. No. 9, Leach. No. 19, Wright. No. 25, Scott. No. 51, Whitney, Workman. No. 59, Adams. No. 67, Bolt, Squibb. No. 71, Hutchinson, Bladen, Reese. No. 72, O'Harra, Phillips, Ashton. No. 114, Hammill, Stevenson. No. 115, Parker, Black. No. 121, Mitchell. No. 125, Peeler. No. 130, Young, Strickland. No. 131, Penrose, Smith, Atkins. No. 134, Williamson. No. 155, Gowie, Wills. No. 186, Boswell, Scattergood. No. 211, Cartwright. No. 224, Donaldson. No. 242, Lilly. No. 289, Phillips. No. 95, Harper Elliot.

Proxies: P. Williamson, J. K. Mitchell, H. M. Phillips, W. English, W. H. Adams, W. Leach, J. L. Hutchinson, W. Whitney, J. Blackburne, E. Strickland.

Thirty-two Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at 6½ o'clock, P. M.

The R. W. Grand Master arose and stated as follows, viz:

BRETHREN, The Grand Lodge closed to meet again this Evening; we will now proceed in continuation of the business which was then in progress at the time of closing which was the report of the

Committee on the Ahiman Rezon previous to which however we will dispose of some other business which has been presented and which is important to act upon and afterwards proceed with the report.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 2, ordered to be entered and filed.

The application made by Lodge No. 186 at Quarterly Communication held June 2d, 1856 and laid on the table; requesting the privilege to take another ballot on the petitions of —— —— and —— —— (applicants who had been rejected) or to place them in as fair a position as they occupied prior to their being rejected by this Lodge. On motion duly made and seconded, the following was adopted, viz: *Resolved*, that in as much as Lodge No. 186 has given no reasons for making the foregoing application that the request cannot be complied with.

An application numerously signed and recommended was read asking for a New Warrant to hold a Lodge in Wommelsdorf, Berks County, giving Bro. John Steven as the first Worshipful Master; E. Penn Smith, first Senior Warden, and John M. Shoner, the first Junior Warden, was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

On motion of Bro. Jeremiah L. Hutchinson and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted, to wit: *Resolved*, that the Grand Secretary under the supervision of the Grand Master be and is hereby authorized to divide certificates of the New Masonic Loan in sums to suit the holders of large certificates, provided the original certificates be first given up to the Grand Secretary and no certificate be issued for a less sum than fifty dollars or for a fractional part thereof.

P. G. Master, Bro. William Whitney commenced the reading of the amended Ahiman Rezon at the point where he had left off on the last meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Brother Washington L. Bladen offered the following resolution which was duly seconded by Bro. Edward Robins, viz: *Resolved*, that the report of the Committee on Alterations to the Ahiman Rezon be made the order of business for the first Monday in February next and continued from time to time until completed and that all the Lodges under this Jurisdiction be notified of the same. A division of the question was asked for and upon putting the question the result stood as follows:

Members voting in the affirmative			15
Proxies	do.	do.	9
			24
Members voting in the negative			20
Proxies	do.	do.	5
			25

the resolution was therefore lost by 1 vote.

Brother Jeremiah L. Hutchinson then moved that the report of the Committee be adopted as the Constitution, &c., of the Grand Lodge. Bro. William S. Black moved an amendment, that the amendment be acted upon by sections which was agreed to. The resolution to go into the consideration of the amended A. Rezon by sections was adopted. The Chairman commenced reading by sections.

When arrived at Sec. 2, paragraph 10 in relation to Lodges meeting in "*New Hall*" on suggestion of R. W. D. G. Master, Bro. John K. Mitchell, the words "Hall of the Grand Lodge" were substituted for the words of "New Hall." And as amended was agreed to. The report was progressed in up to Sec. 4. The revenue of the Grand Lodge is derived: 1. From the Rents of the Masonic Hall. 2 Warrants for New Lodges each, $100. 3. Dispensations to Pass the Chair, $10. 4. Dispensations to Enter, Pass and Raise for all or either, $10. Bro. Wm. S. Black moved to strike out $10 in lieu to E. P. and R. all or either and insert $20. Which was agreed. Bro. H. Weir Workman moved to strike out $10 in lieu to Pass to the chair and insert $5.00. Which was not agreed to. The line was then passed as reported by the Committee. At this stage of the proceedings the attention of the Grand Lodge was called by Bro. E. Robins to folio 135 of the old Ahiman Rezon where it says "No proposition to increase or diminish the dues or contributions of the subordinate Lodges the fees for warrants, &c., &c. Unless it be proposed at a Grand Quarterly Communication immediate notice thereof given by the G. Secty. to the subordinate Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, &c., &c." On motion the action on Sec. 4 in relation to the revenue of the Grand Lodge was reconsidered and agreed to. On motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was agreed to. *Resolved*, that the Grand Secretary be respectfully requested to notify all the Lodges under this Jurisdiction that the amended Ahiman Rezon will come up for the action of the Grand Lodge on the first Monday in February next.

No further business presenting itself the Grand Lodge closed in peace at 10 o'clock, P. M., to meet on the first Monday in February next.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 2, 1857, A. L. 5857.

Extra Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Penna.

Present: Bro. PETER WILLIAMSON, R. W. G. M. Bro. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. S. G. W. as R. W. D. G. M. Bro. H. L. Scott, R. W. Sr. G. W., *p. t.* Bro. John Thomson, R. W. J. G. W. Bro. James Shields, R. W. G. Treas. Bro. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty. Bro. George H. Ashton, D. G. Secty. Bro. Richard Vaux, S. G. Deacon. Bro. John Weir, J. G. Deacon, *p. t.* Bro. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. Bros. Jos. T. Thomas and L. J. Levy, G. Stewards. Bro.

John Bolt, G. Pursuivant. Bro. Revd. John Chambers, G. Chaplain. Bros. Wm. Whitney, Saml. H. Perkins, James Page and Peter Fritz, P. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Thomas, Tallman, Grout. No. 3, Skerrett, Leddy, Maguire, Martin. No. 9, Leach. No. 10, Cummings, Thomas, Wright, Nicols. No. 21, Jordan. No. 25, Scott. No. 43, Springer. No. 51, Workman, Thomson, Whitney, Weir. No. 59, Sinexon, Adams. No. 62, Hiester. No. 67, Reese, Loudenslager, Bott, Smith, Peirsol. No. 71, Bladen, Frismuth, Schnider. No. 72, Ashton, Brown, Phillips, Thompson. No. 81, Roop. No. 91, Mallary, S. H. Perkins, Hinchman. No. 114, Stevenson, Clark, Hamill. No. 115, Supplee, Heimberger. No. 121, Vaux, Lennig. No. 125, Steiner, Peeler. No. 126, Moore, Page, Nisbet. No. 130, Green, Riley, Chandler, Kirkpatrick, Lescure. No. 131, Moore, Penrose, Smith. No. 134, Becker, Williamson, Robins, Stocker. No. 135, Seltzer. No. 155, Gowie, Martin, Glenn, Fritz, Miller. No. 158, Willis, Reneker, Oliver, Wetherby. No. 186, Little. No. 187, Purvis, Zimmerman, Russell. No. 190, Cornman, Richards. No. 211, Cartwright, Lee. No. 227, Mulholland, Stout. No. 246, Wildey, Randall, Jones. No. 238, McCabe, Huhn. No. 271, Wood, Rienstein, Hart, Moyer. No. 274, Sears, Letford, Pedrick, Horner. No. 283, Morgan. No. 289, Selkirk, Phillips. No. 295, Gilpin, Harper, Coleman.

Proxies: P. Williamson, H. M. Phillips, W. H. Adams, R. Vaux, J. Loudenslager, W. Whitney, J. Page, G. P. Cummings, W. L. Bladen, H. M. Phillips, F. Lennig, J. Steiner.

Fifty-two Lodges represented, forty by members and twelve by proxy.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at ¼ past Six o'clock, P. M.

The R. W. Grand Master stated that the Grand Lodge closed to meet again this evening, we will now proceed to the further consideration of the business which was then in progress at the time of closing, viz: the adoption of the Ahiman Rezon, as reported by the Committee to whom this subject had been referred, commencing at the section immediately following the one which had been adopted but afterwards reconsidered on the ground of complying with the present regulations governing the same. Previous to which however an opportunity will be afforded for any of the Committee to report who were not prepared at the previous meetings.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 21, ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 43, at Lancaster, petitioning for a second ballot in two cases of rejection in said Lodge. On motion permission was granted to take a new ballot in each case provided the members were duly notified when said ballotings were to take place.

Amendments to the By-laws of Lodges No. 130 and No. 243 and were fully approved and concurred in.

A communication was received from Lodge No. 268.

The following report was read, approved and resolutions appended thereto adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. G. Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Pa.

The Committee appointed on the application of Bro. —— —— against the action of Jefferson Lodge, No. 288, suspending him, respectfully report, that on application they obtained from Lodge No. 288 a copy of the proceedings as entered on their Minutes accompanied by an official statement from their Secretary. The following is a brief statement of the facts. Bro. —— and a Mr. —— were partners in trade. Mr. —— retired from the partnership and from the imperfect and confused manner in which the books were kept it was difficult to make a correct settlement. Mr. —— however claimed $2000 which Bro. —— agreed to pay. When the payments came due Bro. —— was unable to meet them and a new agreement was entered into, —— proposing in consideration of a prompt settlement to take off 10 per ct. making the amount due him of $1800 to this Bro. —— would not agree but would only pay $1500 upon which sum they finally agreed and the account seems to have been settled. These facts coming to the knowledge of certain members of the Lodge, they thought Bro. —— had taken advantage of his position as managing partner to make a better settlement with —— than he ought to have done. They therefore with Bro. ——'s consent brought a charge of unmasonic conduct against him at a Stated Meeting of the Lodge. Reference was made to a Committee who reported adversely to Bro. —— and the Lodge, by resolution, suspended him until he should pay —— the further sum of $120. Your Committee are unable to ascertain what crime Bro. —— is alleged to have committed. The apparent complaint being that he did not pay —— as much as the Lodge thought he ought to have done. Whereas the parties made a final settlement before these proceedings commenced —— had no legal claim against —— and he alleges he paid all he was bound to pay. Even supposing that all charged against —— was true, your Committee are of opinion from the information furnished by the Lodge itself that no fraudulent or immoral act was proven against Bro. —— sufficiently to warrant the interference of the Lodge. The Secretary urges as a justification of their proceedings, that public sentiment was against —— and that Masonry would suffer if he was allowed to go unpunished. Public rumor and public opinion are very uncertain tests of moral character and ought never to form the ground for a Lodge to pass a judgment injurious to the character and standing of a Brother. Your Committee are of opinion that Lodge No. 288 erred in their decision and submit the following Resolutions for the consideration of the Grand Lodge. *Resolved*, that Jefferson Lodge, No. 288, erred in suspending Bro. —— and that he be reinstated. *Resolved*,

that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN L. GODDARD, JOHN M. DAVENPORT,
GEORGE P. LITTLE, GEO. K. ZEIGLER,
Committee.

The following report from the Committee on Landmarks was read and approved, to wit:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

The Committee on Landmarks to whom was referred the communication from LaFayette Lodge, No. 71, together with all the papers submitted therewith, respectfully report: that the communication and papers referred to them relative to the application of Mr. —— —— for Initiation and Membership in Lafayette Lodge, No. 71. It was in evidence before the Committee that Mr. —— was a man of unblemished character and every way qualified in a moral point of view to become a member of the order. It also appeared that Mr. —— had presented a regular petition for Initiation and Membership in No. 71 that a Committee had been appointed whose report was favorable and that Mr. —— had been balloted for and duly approved. Before he was actually Initiated some of the Brethren discovered, as they thought, that Mr. —— was physically disqualified from becoming a member of the order and the proceedings were arrested and a Committee of three members of the Lodge were appointed to confer with the Committee on Landmarks. Three members of the Committee on Landmarks then thought from the evidence before them that No. 71 would be justified in Initiating Mr. ——. That opinion, however, could not be considered the decision of the Committee *as such*, as the committee can only act on such matters as may be referred to them by the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge. Several Brethren still thinking Mr. —— could not become a member of the Order without a violation of the ancient usages, customs and landmarks, the whole matter was referred to the R. W. Grand Lodge and by them to this Committee. Your Committee have given the subject all the attention its painful and delicate nature requires and they regret to say that Mr. —— cannot be Initiated. Masonry has always required not only moral qualifications which Mr. —— possesses in a high degree, but also certain physical qualifications well known to the Brethren, of these last the committee regret to say Mr. —— has been deprived by misfortune. He never can perform all the work of the craft. He was visited by one of the members of the Committee, whose statement satisfied them that without any fault of his own Mr. —— is debarred from entering the portals of Masonry. While your Committee deeply sympathize with Mr. —— and his friends in his and their disappointment the regula-

tions which exclude him is coeval with the existence of the order and cannot be dispensed with.

All of which is respectfully submitted by order of the Committee.

SAMUEL H. PERKINS, *Chairman.*

PHIL., Feb. 2, 1857.

The further report from the Committee on Landmarks was also read and approved.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Penna. and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

The Committee on Landmarks to whom was referred the communication from Harmony Lodge, No. 52, asking for instruction and decision, respectfully report, that the communication submitted to them involves the question, "Whether an applicant for Initiation and Membership who has presented a petition in due form, which has been referred to the proper committee, who have reported favorably and their report has been accepted and the Committee discharged and the candidate balloted for and duly approved; but before he is actually initiated, such information is received by some of the Members of the Lodge as to satisfy them that he was not worthy and was not under the term of good report. Whether under those circumstances it is too late to prevent his Initiation, in other words, whether a candidate who is discovered to be unworthy at the last moment must then be initiated, nevertheless a moment's reflection will satisfy the Brethren that no man can *enter* the lodge who is not *under the term* of good Masonic report, it is never too late to exclude such. In fact the door of Masonry cannot be opened to them although they stand upon the very threshold and knock ever so loudly, and if such a one cannot even enter the Lodge much less can become a member.

All of which is respectfully submitted by order of the Committee.

SAMUEL H. PERKINS, *Chairman.*

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The amended Ahiman Rezon was taken up at Sec. 6, read and approved. Sec. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 read and approved. Sec. 15, Grand Secretary was amended by directing the Grand Secretary to notify all the Masters of Lodges over three miles from the Hall of all the Meetings of the Grand Lodge. The section was then approved. Sec. 16 was then read and approved. Sec. 17 was read, Bro. Riley moved to amend by striking out the word "of" and inserting "for." Amendment not agreed to. Section as originally offered was agreed to. Sec. 18, 19, 20 and 21 were read and approved. Sec. No. 22 was read when Bro. G. P. Cummings moved to amend by striking out "Master Mason" and insert "Past Master and Member of the Grand Lodge." On a division being called for the vote stood 22 voting for and 46 against the amendment. The Sec. 22 was

then agreed to as reported by the Committee. Sec. 23, Grand Lecturer. On Motion of Bro. Riley and duly seconded by Bro. Henry Huhn, of Tamaqua Lodge, No. 238, the whole Section was stricken out. Agreed to with great unanimity. Sec. 24, Trustees of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund and the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund. Agreed to. Sec. 25, Committee on Landmarks. Agreed to. Sec. 26, Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund. Consideration postponed. Sec. 27, Committee of Finance. Bro. Riley moved that "December," in the third line from the top of Article be stricken out and "September" inserted. By request the whole section was read; the question on Bro. Riley's amendment being put was not agreed to. The section was then agreed to as read. Sec. 28, Committee on Correspondence. After a few remarks by Bro. L. H. Scott on the great difficulty of getting the Committee of Correspondence together as at present constituted with only three Members he though the difficulty would be increased if extended to Five. Bro. James B. Chandler moved to strike out "Five Members" and insert "three" the question on the amendment being put was not agreed to. The section as originally offered was then agreed to. Sec. 29, 30, 31, were severally and separately read and agreed to. Sec. 32, Hall Committee. Bro. Henry M. Phillips moved that this section be amended by inserting, "and report their proceedings Quarterly to the Grand Lodge for approval." The Committee accepted the amendment. The section was again read and approved. Sec. 33, Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund. This section was postponed for the present to be taken up in connection with the Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund. Postponed likewise this Evening. Sec. 34, Proceedings in Grand Lodge. That portion relating to admission of visitors was amended by excepting Brethren residing more than three miles from the Hall. The amendment was accepted by the Committee. The whole section was then read as amended and agreed to. Section 35, Subordinate Lodges. Agreed to. Wardens. On motion of Bro. Jos. S. Riley the word "unavoidable" was stricken out and then adopted. Treasurer. Agreed to. Secretary. To this several amendments were made none of which were agreed to. Other officers. Remains same as offered by the Committee. Duties of Lodges. Sec. 1 and 2 read and approved. Sec. 2 read, Bro. McCabe suggested to insert "immediately" after the words "the Master may convene the Lodge at some other place if within the limits named in the warrant say Five Miles." The Committee accepted the foregoing amendment and the section was then agreed to. Sec. 4. Elections and all other business, &c., &c., are to be done in a Master Masons Lodge, &c.

When the Grand Lodge had arrived at this point the Grand Lodge closed in peace at 10 o'clock, P. M., to meet again on the Third Monday of February, at 6 o'c., P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, February 16, 1857, A. L. 5857.

Extra Quarterly Communication, Grand Lodge of Penna.

Present: Bro. PETER WILLIAMSON, R. W. G. M. Bro. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. D. G. M., *p. t.*, D. G. M. Jno. K. Mitchell severely indisposed. Bro. John Thomson, R. W. Sr. G. W., *p. t.* Bro. Richard Vaux, R. W. J. G. W. Bro. William English, Sr. G. D. Bro. H. L. Scott, J. G. D. Bro. James Shields, R. W. G. Treas. Bro. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty. Bro. George H. Ashton, D. G. Secty, Bro. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. Bro. John L. Goddard, G. S. Bearer. Bros. Jos. T. Thomas and Jeremiah L. Hutchinson, G. Stewards. Bro. Horace L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant. Bros. Jas. Hutchinson, Wm. Whitney, P. Fritz, Josiah Randall, Jas. Page, Anthony Bournonville, P. G. Masters. Bro. Robt. Deshea Morris, G. Chaplain.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Blackburne, Maguire. No. 3, Padmore, Thomson, Leddy, English, Skerrett. No. 9, Kelly, Leach. No. 19, Griscom, Wilson, Park, Hodges, Bradley, Cummings, Thomas. No. 21, Park. No. 25, Scott. No. 43, Howell. No. 51, Whitney, Thomson, Allen. No. 52, Hoopes, Wood, Ramsey, Day, Wilson. No. 59, Adams, Macpherson, Sinexon. No. 62, Hiester, Hawman, Henry. No. 67, Baugh, Martien, Loudenslager, J. Hutchinson, Reese, Smith, Piersol, Simpson, Bott. No. 71, Levering, Bambrey, Schnider, Frismuth. No. 72, Peacock, Ashton, Phillips, Brown, Thompson, Connell, Potter. No. 91, Barry. No. 114, Thomson, Huddell, Clark. No. 115, Shaffer, Supplee, Parker, Fulmer, Wallis. No. 121, Vaux, Peterson. No. 125, Bournonville, Steiner, Batzig, Ketterlinus. No. 126, Page, Harper, Mullin. No. 130, Riley, Lescure, Kirkpatrick, Brown, Young, Giller, Strickland. No. 131, Smith, Penrose, Moore. No. 134, Stocker, Williamson, Roney, Becker. No. 135, Seltzer. No. 155, Martin, Bowen, Fritz, Allen, Gowie. No. 158, Wills, Glenn, Wetherby. No. 186, Hufty, Scattergood, Ziegler, Gaskill, Little, Boswell. No. 187, Zimmerman, Purvis, Russell, McCahen. No. 190, Richards, Kite, Roberts. No. 211, Cartwright, Peall, Lee, Dorlan. No. 221, Wilson, Culbertson. No. 227, Strickland, McClean, Ancona, Swartz, Diehl. No. 228, Bugler, Hann. No. 246, Jones, Randall, Wildey, Hyneman. No. 254, Clark, Stout, Tippen. No. 271, Harte. No. 274, Goddard, Lefford, Sears. No. 289, Gwyn, Phillips, Loughead, Selkirk. No. 295, Harpur, Elliot, Coleman.

Proxies: P. Williamson, H. M. Phillips, R. Vaux, W. English, W. H. Adams, J. Loudenslager, J. L. Hutchinson, H. L. Peterson, Jas. Hutchinson, A. Bournonville, W. Whitney, J. Page, F. Blackburne, W. Leach, R. S. Wilson, G. P. Cummings, H. Baugh, J. Simpson, W. W. Thomson, J. Steiner, E. P. Lescure, A. E. Stocker, G. W. Hufty.

Sixty-two Lodges represented, thirty-nine by members and twenty-three by proxy.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at ¼ to 7 o'clock, P. M.

The R. W. G. Master arose and addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:

BRETHREN, Previous to resuming the further consideration of the subject which was in progress at the last communication of the

Grand Lodge I have been requested to allow the introduction of a resolution in which many Brethren residing beyond the City feel a deep interest and by their representatives are now present with us, and will explain its object. The business therefore which would otherwise be the first in order will be postponed for the present, in order to meet the views and afford an opportunity for the Brethren thus situated to participate in the discussion of the subject, after which the regular business will be resumed from the point to which we had arrived at the time of closing. After a few introductory remarks Bro. Jeremiah L. Hutchinson read the following preamble and resolution. Which being slightly amended and the parties offering the same accepting said amendments was carried and is as follows, to wit: WHEREAS certain Encampments of Knights Templar, &c., have been formed in this Jurisdiction under the color of the authority of Blue Lodge Warrants and it is desirable that the opinion of this Grand Lodge should be expressed upon the subject therefore be it

Resolved, that this Grand Lodge reiterates the language of its predecessors which is, that Masonry consists of but three degrees, including the Royal Arch degree, and this Grand Lodge claims no Jurisdiction beyond the limits of ancient Masonry.

Past Grand Master, Bro. Peter Fritz offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that Encampments Nos. 5, 6 and 7 be requested to return to the Grand Lodge the authority issued to them by the several subordinate Lodges by color of the authority of the Grand Lodge by the first day of May next. After some discussion the foregoing was withdrawn to make way for the following which was offered by Bro. Jos. S. Riley and carried as follows: *Resolved*, that any rights or privileges or immunities that may at any time have been granted by this Grand Lodge to any Lodge or Lodges of Knights Templar be and they are hereby withdrawn from and after the first day of May next ensuing. On motion the Grand Secretary was requested to furnish a copy of the preamble and resolutions just passed to the subordinate Lodges. Agreed to.

The following report from the Committee on appeal of Members of Orient Lodge, No. 289, was read, approved and the resolutions attached thereto adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee to whom the petition of Bros. James Geoyn and others, members of Orient Lodge, No. 289, having reference to the election of Senior Warden of said Lodge, was referred beg leave to submit the following report, the Committee in pursuance of the duties of their appointment convened on the evening of February 3d, organized and directed notices to be served on the appellants and appellees. They subsequently held three meetings during which nine witnesses were examined on the part of the appellees. Your Committee are of the opinion that the true merits of the case as

set forth in the petition are first with regard to the proper form and legality of the first ballot for Senior Warden, and secondly, as to the right of a Brother named William L. Sharpe to a vote in said election. To this end therefore, they chiefly directed their investigations being satisfied that should either of these points be fairly established there would be no difficulty in arriving at a proper conclusion. It appears from the evidence adduced from all the witnesses, without exception, that on the evening in question the craft were called off from labor to refreshment for the usual space of time preparatory to going into an election for Senior Warden to serve the Lodge for the ensuing year beginning from St. John's day next; that it was called on from refreshment to labor in the proper form and the election proceeded. The tellers having placed the hat which was to receive the ballots on the pedestal, it remained there until all the Brethren who desired had time to participate in the ballot; that the W. Master having asked the customary question, "whether all the Brethren had voted who wished to vote," directed the Tellers to proceed; when the hat was removed by them to the Treasurer's desk and they commenced to count the ballot. At this stage in the proceedings a Brother, William L. Sharpe, arose in his place and asked the privilege of voting and whilst a discussion incident thereon was being held, the tellers finished their count and had arisen to announce the result. The W. Master, cutting short the debate, decided that Bro. Sharpe had a right to vote and directed the Tellers to replace the hat on the pedestal which they did without replacing the ballots already counted therein, when Bro. Sharpe voted. Previous to this vote having been cast both Tellers testified that *twenty votes* had been cast for *Ellwood B. Davis* and *nineteen* for *Joseph Porter*. .The vote of Bro. Sharpe changed the result making a tie, when the W. Master ordered a second ballot. Now your Committee are unanimously and decidedly of opinion, that without going into any further investigation they might here have rested the case as being virtually at an end, inasmuch as it is evident to every one in the least familiar with legislative proceedings, that in no instance was it ever known nor is there any rule so far as your Committee are aware by which a *chairman, speaker, presiding officer* or *Worshipful Master* of any lodge has the power to open a ballot once closed and permit a vote to be given whether said vote has, or has not, the effect of changing the result. It is true that on a vote by *yeas* and *nays* a member of a public body may have been frequently permitted to record his vote after the question has been decided, but this has only been allowed when the member was desirous of placing himself right on the record and *never* when such vote would have changed the result. Your Committee therefore on this showing are clearly of opinion that the first ballot in this case having been fairly and legally conducted was legitimately closed when the tellers commenced their count and that *Ellwood B. Davis* having received a majority of the whole number of votes properly cast was duly elected Senior

Warden of the Lodge, should have been so declared and regularly installed. But this is not all. It was clearly in evidence before your Committee that Bro. Wm. L. Sharpe, the member who was permitted to vote and whose ballot entirely changed the result of the poll, was allowed to do so in the plainest contravention of the By-laws of his Lodge. It appears from the testimony that Bro. Wm. L. Sharpe together with sundry other members each loaned the Lodge at its institution, seventy-five dollars, which amount was to be returned when the Lodge was in funds. This sum was duly returned to Bro. Sharpe, as was manifest by his receipt in full in Nov. last, one month previous to the election leaving him in arrears for dues on the books of the Lodge at the time when his vote was given in the sum of *eleven dollars* which sum covered a period of one year and ten months, when Article VI, Section 1, of the By-laws expressly declares, "*That no member in arrears for dues for one year and upwards shall be allowed to vote.*" After a full and fair investigation therefore of the foregoing facts, first, that the poll was effectually closed when the tellers began their count, and secondly, that the member who was permitted to vote and whose ballot is admitted to have changed the result had no legal right under the By-laws to cast such vote, your Committee have based the result of their labors and respectfully ask leave to offer the following resolutions. *Resolved*, that Bro. Ellwood B. Davis, having been legally elected Senior Warden of Orient Lodge, No. 289, at the annual election of said Lodge in December last to serve for the ensuing year commencing from St. John's day, *last past*, the Worshipful Master of said Lodge be instructed to instal him as such and that he be permitted to discharge the duties thereof. *Resolved*, that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JOSEPH S. RILEY, GEO. H. HART, JOHN U. GILLER, *Committee.*

The following resolution was offered and unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that the R. W. G. Master be respectfully requested to furnish a copy of the address delivered by him in St. John's Day last and that the same be printed with other matter for distribution to the Members of the Grand Lodge.

On motion duly made and seconded the following visitors were admitted during the evening: Bros. Wm. B. Mann, No. 3; John Tobin, W. J. Phillips, No. 19; I. B. Boyd, J. N. Boyd, No. 21; J. G. Trigg, No. 33, Miss.; Geo. C. Brown, No. 44, W. I.; J. C. Moody, No. 50, Va.; Aug. Boos, No. 62; J. Wilson, Jr., No. 52; H. I. White, No. 72; W. C. Harris, No. 114; C. B. Campbell, J. N. Benners, No. 121; O. Watson, O. C. Dewey, G. W. Summers, C. P. Ranke, No. 130; J. T. Kirk, No. 164; L. G. Bennett, No. 144; J. R. Kuhn, No. 158; J. H. Vineyard, No. 182, Miss.; John Simon, No. 186; W. C. Murphy, H. C. Fulmer, No. 187; Alex. Hiller, J. D. Engard, No. 211; David Emanuel, Jamaica, W. I.; Jacob Knabb, John L. Borrell, No. 227; W. S. Kouson, No. 249.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at 10 o'clock to meet at the next regular Quarterly Meeting in March.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, March 2, 1857, A. L. 5857.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Communication.

Present: BRO. PETER WILLIAMSON, R. W. G. M. Bro. John Thomson, Jr., R. W. D. G. M., *p. t.* Bro. Wm. English, R. W. S. G. Warden, *p. t.* Bro. Lucius H. Scott, R. W. J. G. W., *p. t.* Bro. James Shields, R. W. G. Treas. Bro. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary. Bro. George H. Ashton, D. G. Secty. Bro. Jerh. L. Hutchinson, S. G. Deacon. Bro. Joseph T. Thomas, J. G. Deacon. Bro. Norwood Penrose, G. Marshal. Bro. Fredk. Lennig, G. S. Bearer. Bro. Harman Yerkes and Bro. John Bolt, G. Stewards. Bros. William Whitney, James Page, Peter Fritz, R. W. P. G. Masters. Bro. H. L. Peterson, Grand Pursuivant.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Blackburne, Grout. No. 3, English, Thomson. No. 9, Leach, Mackay. No. 19, Cummings, Thomas, Griscom, Cook. No. 2, Muench. No. 25, Scott. No. 51, Thomson, Whitney, Workman. No. 52, Pearson, Fitch, Hoopes, Wilson, Jr. No. 59, Adams. No. 62, Henry. No. 67, Piersol, Reese, Bolt. No. 71, Frismuth, Schneider, Bladen, Hutchinson. No. 72, Ashton, Williams, Peacock, Ellis, Thompson. No. 81, Wentz. No. 91, Mallery, Jr. No. 114, Thompson, Clark, Howell, Hammill. No. 115, Supplee, Black, Fulmer, Shaffer, Parker. No. 121, Foering, Lennig, Peterson. No. 125, Ziegler, Steiner, Muckle. No. 126, Page, Harper. No. 130, Strickland, Riley, Lescure, Gillis, Young, Kirkpatrick. No. 131, Smith, Moore, Matlack, Penrose, Atkins. No. 134, Williamson. No. 152, Siegfried. No. 155, Martin, Fritz, Gowie, Glenn, Allen. No. 158, Mills, Shields. No. 186, Boswell. No. 187, McCahen, Purvis, Zimmerman, Russell. No. 211, Cartwright. No. 220, Creswell. No. 221, Hailman. No. 227, Diehl, Stout, McLean. No. 230, Graeff. No. 246, Jones, Randall. No. 271, Hart, Wood. No. 289, Davis, Selkirk. No. 290, Baskin. No. 295, Yerkes.

Proxies: P. Williamson, W. English, W. H. Adams, J. L. Hutchinson, W. Whitney, J. Page, P. Fritz, F. Blackburne, G. Thomson, W. Leach, G. P. Cummings, W. H. Pearson, W. L. Bladen, W. W. Thomson, H. L. Peterson, J. Steiner, E. P. Lescure.

Fifty-five Lodges represented, thirty-eight by members and seventeen by proxy.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at half-past six o'clock, P. M.

The minutes of the following meetings were read and each separately adopted to wit: Quarterly Communication, Dec. 1, 1856; Extra Communication, Dec. 15, 1856; Annual Communication, Dec. 27, 1856; Extra Quarterly Communication, Jan. 5, 1857; Extra Quarterly Communication, Jan. 18, 1857; Extra Quarterly Communication, Feb. 2, 1857; Extra Quarterly Communication, Feb. 16, 1857.

Copies of the By-laws of Lodges Nos. 234, 256, 280 and 285. Also amendments to the By-Laws of Lodges No. 230, 231, 242 and 292, which were referred to the Committee on By-laws.

Applications for New Lodges to be held as follows were received and on Motion were referred to the Grand Officers with power to act. One at the Trappe, Montgomery County. One at Mount Bethel, Northampton Co. One at White Marsh, Montgomery Co.

Communications were read from Lodges Nos. 130 and 135.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 186 asking permission to take another ballot in the case of —— ——, who had been blackballed for political reasons only and —— —— who had been rejected in mistake for another person of the same name. On motion the prayer of the petition was granted provided the members be notified when said ballot is to take place.

A similar communication was read from Lodge No. 187 asking for another ballot in the case of —— —— and —— ——, who were rejected upon second ballot in this Lodge we believing that the cause of their rejection has entirely been removed. On motion the prayer of the petitioners was granted provided the members have due notice when said ballot is to take place.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 271. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 278, thanking the Grand Lodge for the aid afforded them by remitting a portion of their dues. Their regalia, &c., being a short time since destroyed by fire. Ordered to be entered and filed.

An appeal from a vote of suspension was read from Bro. —— —— by Bellefonte Lodge, No. 268 and asking that the Grand Lodge investigate the matter fully and give him an opportunity to be heard, &c. On motion of Bro. A. R. Foering and duly seconded, the whole subject was referred to a Special Committee. The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bros. Albert R. Foering, G. Parker Cummings and James G. Gibson on said Committee.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report, that they have examined the several By-laws referred to them and recommend that the By-laws of Lodge No. 234 be approved. That the Amendment to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 242 be also approved. That the words Passed and Raised be stricken from Sec. 1 of Art. II of the By-laws of Lodge No. 280. That Sec. 2 of said Article be stricken out. That in Sec. 3 of the same Article there shall be inserted after the words "Committee of Investigation" the words "to consist of Three Master Masons Members of the Lodge, neither of whom shall be a recommender." That after the word "Annually" in Sec. 1, Article III there be inserted the words "The election to be conducted in pursuance of the provisions of the Ahiman Rezon regulating the election of Grand Officers." That Sec. 3 of said article be stricken out. That

the words "and Senior Warden" be stricken from Sec. 4 of the same Article, and the word "his" substituted for "their." That the whole of Art. IV be stricken out and the following substituted.

ARTICLE IV.

SECTION 1. All applicants for Initiation and Membership in this Lodge shall apply by petition in writing according to the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge recommended by two Master Masons members of the Lodge on a Stated Meeting of the Lodge at least one month prior to the reception. (See article A. R., folio 161.)

SEC. 2. No application for Membership shall be received from any Mason until he shall have produced a certificate of having discharged his dues to the Lodge to which he formerly belonged, and from which he formerly belonged, and from which he shall have withdrawn unless satisfactory reasons shall be given why such certificate can not be produced.

SEC. 3. No. Brother shall be advanced in the Order until he shall have given proofs of his proficiency in his former degrees, paid his fees and dues and signed the By-laws, except in case of emergency to be determined by a majority of the members present.

SEC. 4. The fees for conferring degrees and Members shall in all cases be paid in advance and shall be as follows, viz: For conferring the three degrees by Dispensation, $15; for Initiation and Membership, $15; for Admittance of an E. A. M. from another Lodge, $5; for Admittance of a F. C. M. from another Lodge, $3; for Admittance of a M. M. from another Lodge, $2.

That Sec. 1 of Article V be stricken out and the following substituted: The powers and duties of the W. M. and of his Wardens shall be those prescribed by the Landmarks of the order and the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge. In Sec. 1 of Art. IX the following be added: The above rules may be dispensed with by the presiding officer of the Lodge when he may deem it expedient to do so. That after the words "any unfinished business" in Sec. 3 of said Article the following be inserted, viz: "Except such as by the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge can only be done at a Stated Meeting." That after the words "all questions" in Sec. 4 of the same Article there be inserted the words "except in the election of officers and on petition for Initiation and Membership." That the words "When not otherwise provided" be stricken from said section. That Sec. 7 of said Article be stricken out and those said By-laws be then approved. That the amendment to By-laws Nos. 230 and 231 be approved. That Sec. 1 of Article II of the By-laws of Lodge No. 285 be stricken out and the following substituted: "On the Stated Meeting of the Lodge next preceding St. John the Evangelist's Day in every year the Master, Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary shall be elected by ballot conducted according to the Rules of the Grand Lodge regulating the election for grand officers. That after the words "a Committee of three Master Masons who are members" the

following be inserted "neither of whom shall be a recommender." That the word "Master" be stricken from Sec. 1, Article IX. That in Article X the word "may" be substituted for "shall" and after the word "expelled" there be inserted the words "having been first duly notified of said arrearages and the proposed action of the Lodge thereon." That in No. 10 of the Rules and Regulations of Order the words "Excepting in election for Officers" be inserted. That to the Rules of Order be added "these Rules of Order may be dispensed with by the Presiding officer should he deem it expedient so to do." That those said By-laws be then approved. That the amendment to By-laws of Lodge No. 292 be approved. The Committee further report and recommend that all after the words "twenty dollars" be stricken out of Article XII of the amended By-laws of Lodge No. 256 and the following substituted: "The full amount in all cases to be paid in advance and before the conferring of the first degree" and that said By-laws be then approved.

Respectfully submitted and

Signed by the COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

PHIL., Mar. 2, 1857.

On motion of Brother Joseph S. Riley and seconded, the following resolution was adopted, to wit: *Resolved*, that the Grand Secretary furnish Bro. Jos. S. Riley with a copy of report of the Finance Committee in his case also with the evidence taken by the Committee and the names of the witnesses.

On motion of Bro. William Whitney and duly seconded, the following preamble and resolution were adopted, to wit: WHEREAS, it is provided in the fourth section of the Ahiman Rezon that no proposition to increase or diminish the dues or contributions of the subordinate Lodges the fees for Warrants, Dispensations or any service performed by any of the officers of the Grand Lodge unless it is proposed at one Grand Quarterly Communication and adopted at another; AND WHEREAS, it is proposed by the Committee having in charge the revision of the Ahiman Rezon and they have so reported to the Grand Lodge an alteration in the charge of fees for Warrants, Dispensations to Pass the Chair, &c., by increasing them, therefore, *Resolved*, that the Grand Secretary be directed to give notice forthwith to all the subordinate Lodges under this Jurisdiction that the subject of said alterations will come up for consideration and action at the next Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge.

The report of the Committee on the Amended Ahiman Rezon was taken up and the new section that elections and all the business of the Lodge shall be conducted in a M. M. Lodge was adopted. Duties of Lodges, &c., was taken up and progressed in as far as when a Lodge is dissolved the last presiding officer is to transmit to the Grand Secretary an inventory thereof and be responsible for the execution of this Article. Bro. Jos. S. Riley moved that the words "presiding officer" should be stricken out and the words "all the

elective officers." The amendment was not agreed to. Under the same head, no Lodge or Brother is permitted to print or publish or cause to be printed or published the whole or any part of the proceedings of any Lodge. Nor shall any Brother publish any work or discourse relative to Masonry without previously obtaining the consent of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master. On motion of Bro. Jos. S. Riley and duly seconded, the words "or Grand Master" was struck off the foregoing. Which was agreed to. The whole section as amended was then adopted.

Members.—The requisite qualifications, &c. The Committee reported the following: Any person unable to sign his name to his application shall be rejected. This clause elicited considerable discussion various amendments were proposed. Bro. Alex. Purvis moved to postpone for the present. Not agreed. Brother William English one of the Committee on revision of the A. R. proposed the following which was accepted by the Committee and received the approval of the Grand Lodge, viz: No Petition for Initiation shall be received unless the same be signed with the name of the applicant in his own proper hand writing. This clause does not refer to applications for membership only. The clause "An applicant for Initiation or for membership may withdraw his petition before report made thereon or afterwards if the report be favorable" was read when Bro. Daniel Thompson moved to amend by striking out the word "before" and insert "after." The section would then read as follows: An applicant for Initiation or for membership may withdraw his petition after report is made thereon if said report is favorable.

At this stage of the proceedings the Grand Lodge closed in peace at 10 o'clock, to meet on the 3rd Tuesday of March.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 17, 1857, A. L. 5857.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Extra Quarterly Communication, held Saint Patrick's night.

Present: Bro. PETER WILLIAMSON, R. W. G. M. Bro. John K. Mitchell, R. W. D. G. M. Bro. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. S. G. W. Bro. John Thomson, R. W. J. G. W. Bro. James Shields, R. W. Treas. Bro. William H. Adams, R. W. Secty. Bro. George H. Ashton, D. G. Sec. Bro. J. L. Hutchinson, S. G. Deacon. Bro. Jos. T. Thomas, J. G. Deacon. Bro. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. Bro. John L. Goddard, G. S. Bearer. Bros. Harman Yerkes and Saml. C. Perkins, G. Stewards. Bro. Horace L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant. Bros. William Whitney, James Page, and Peter Fritz, P. G. Masters.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Mosely. No. 3, Skerrett, Maag, Leddy, Carter. No. 9, Leach. No. 19, Thomas, Cummings, Griscom. No. 25, Scott. No. 51, Thomson, Whitney. No. 52, Wilson, Ramsey. No. 59, Adams, Macpherson. No. 62, Hiester, Hawman, Bellemere. No. 67, Loudenslager, Bolt, Squibb, Reese. No. 71, Schnider, Frismuth, Bla-

den. No. 72, Ashton, Thompson, Phillips, Brown, Peacock. No. 91, Perkins, Mallery, Barry. No. 114, Huddell, Hammill. No. 115, Black. No. 121, Mitchell, Peterson, Hall. No. 125, Ketterlinus, Muckle, Peeler. No. 126, Mullen, Moore, Dolby, Page. No. 130, Riley, Lescure, Young, Strickland, Stokes. No. 131, Moore, Smith, Alkins. No. 134, Williamson. No. 155, Fritz, Gowie, Glenn. No. 158, Shields. No. 186, Little, Scattergood. No. 187, Purvis, McCahen, Loeser. No. 211, Page, Cartwright, Lee, Crockett. No. 227, McLean. No. 246, Jones, Randall, Wilder. No. 271, Wood, Slemmer. No. 274, Goddard, Sears, Pedrick. No. 289, Davis, Phillips. No. 295, Yerkes.

Proxies: P. Williamson, J. K. Mitchell, H. M. Phillips, W. H. Adams, J. L. Hutchinson, J. Loudenslager, H. L. Peterson, W. Whitney, J. Page, P. Fritz, W. Leach, G. P. Cummings, W. L. Bladen.

Forty-five Lodges represented, thirty-two by members and thirteen by proxy.

The R. W. Grand Master arose and stated as follows, to wit:

BRETHREN, The Grand Lodge having closed to meet again this evening the subject which was then under consideration will be resumed from the point to which we had arrived on closing the Grand Lodge. The first business therefore will be the further consideration of the Ahiman Rezon as reported by the Committee. The subject was resumed on the amendment offered by Bro. Danl. Thompson. Which was an applicant for Initiation or for Membership may withdraw his petition after report is made thereon if said report is favorable. A division being called the Grand Marshal reported 24 voting for and 28 against. The amendment was lost. The question was then taken on the Report of the Committee and was adopted. Slight amendments were offered to sections on rejected applicants, &c., by Bros. Jas. B. Chandler and Alex. Purvis, but upon being put to the Grand Lodge were not agreed to. The whole subject as reported by the Committee was then agreed to. The section on visitors was agreed to. The section on certificates was agreed to. The following new section was reported and agreed to, to wit: No amendments or alterations of the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge shall be made unless proposed in writing at one stated Grand Quarterly Communication and acted upon at the next or some subsequent stated Grand Lodge Communication, nor then unless previous notice has been given to the Subordinate Lodges of such proposed amendments and the same shall be approved of by a majority of the number present.

The next portion taken up was the Ceremonial of Masonry.

CHAPTER I.

Prayers, Sections 1 and 2 adopted.

CHAPTER II.

Charges used in Lodges.

Sec. 1. Charge to the Grand Master at his Installation. Sec. 2. Charge to a Master of a Lodge at his Installation. Section 3. Charge

at the opening of a Lodge. Section 4. Charge at the closing of a Lodge. Section 5. Charge at Initiation to first degree. Section 6. Charge on entering the second degree. Section 7. Charge on receiving the third degree. Were read and adopted.

Chapter III.

Section 1. The manner of constituting a Lodge, including the ceremony of Consecration and Installation. Section 2. The ceremony observed at laying the foundation stones of public structures. Section 3. Ceremony observed at the dedication of Free Masons Hall. Section 4. Ceremony at Grand Visitations. Section 5. Ceremony and service at funerals. The foregoing being read were adopted.

Bro. Joseph S. Riley submitted the following amendment to the Ahiman Rezon which was referred to the Committee having in charge the revision of said work, as follows: At the quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge held annually in the month of December, the Masters of all the Lodges under her jurisdiction shall be summoned to attend. And all matters of general interest to the Craft shall be (adjourned) deferred to that communication provided the nature of the business will admit of such delay and that the Grand Lodge will hold daily Sessions until the business so delayed or then originated shall be disposed of. And the mileage of the attending members who come from a greater distance than ten miles and the ratio of mileage shall be settled by the Finance Committee at each session.

Brother Mathew Cartwright stated a difficulty which had occurred in Kensington Lodge, No. 211, in relation to an irregularity in conferring the degrees. On motion duly made and seconded, the whole subject was referred to the Grand Master with power to act.

On motion of Bro. James Shields, Grand Treasurer, and duly seconded, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Master draw his warrant in the usual manner on the Grand Treasurer in favor of the Grand Secretary for the amount of interest falling due on the first day of April next on the $41,000 Loan.

On motion duly made and seconded the following Brethren were admitted: W. D. Toy, No. 2; J. Walworth, P. Jones, S. M. Duffield, No. 9; W. F. Phillips, No. 19; J. Wilson, Jr., No. 52; H. Haym, No. 54, Savannah, Ga.; J. Rorrick, No. 62; J. Y. Jones, No. 81; R. M. Morton, No. 91; D. Fricker, No. 115; B. A. Shoemaker, C. P. Henwig, J. T. Huskell, No. 121; G. W. Summers, No. 130; J. W. Gaskins, L. Williams, H. C. Troutman, No. 131; John L. Laird, J. H. Hedges, No. 155; G. W. Kahn, D. P. Mitchell, No. 186; C. Lehrack, No. 187; Wm. Deal, J. C. Oliver, No. 211; W. Fox, No. 216; J. T. Coxie, J. F. Graeff, I. Lewin, E. W. Jones, C. L. Stamm, No. 227; A. W. Ibbotson, W. Holland, No. 246; J. C. Yeager, No. 254; E. Manley, No. 274; Dorr Ming, No. 280, Hong Kong, China; S. R. Hemlock, No. 289; Jos. Bloom,

Amity Lodge, Paris; Grover and Stephen D. Ayers, Chas. W. Hatheway, Springfield Lodge, No. 4, Ills.

The Grand Officers to whom was referred a difficulty between Honesdale Lodge, No. 218, a Lodge in New York reported that they had carefully considered the matter and had agreed upon the following resolution which being read was agreed to.

Resolved, that Honesdale Lodge, No. 218, be credited with $5923 the amount prayed for in their petition the debt due by Cyrus Lodge, No. 20, N. Y., being hereby paid by the Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at ¼ past 10 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, March 30th, 1857, A. L. 5857.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Quarterly Communication.

Present: Bro. PETER WILLIAMSON, R. W. G. M. Bro. John K. Mitchell, R. W. D. G. M. Bro. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. S. G. W. Bro. John Thomson, R. W. J. G. W. Bro. James Shields, R. W. G. Treas. Bro. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty. Bro. Theodore T. Johnson, D. G. Secty. Bro. Richard Vaux, S. G. Deacon. Bro. William English, J. G. Deacon. Bro. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. Bro. Jos. N. Piersol, G. S. Bearer. Bros. Jos. T. Thomas and Jerh. L. Hutchinson, G. Stewards. Bro. John Bolt, G. Pursuivant. Bros. William Whitney and James Page, G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Tallman. No. 3, Thomson, English, Martin, Brewer, Sites, Skerrett. No. 9, McCay. No. 19, Cummings, Caskey, Murphy, Thomas, Hodges. No. 25, Scott, Knight. No. 51, Workman, Thomson, Johnson, Whitney. No. 52, Hoopes, Ramsey. No. 59, Adams, McPherson, Sinexon, Jayne. No. 67, Bolt, Reese, Smith, Squibb, Baugh, Piersol, Loudenslager. No. 71, Schnider, Levering, Hutchinson, Frishmuth, Bambrey. No. 72, Williams, Thompson, Phillips. No. 91, Perkins, Mallery, Barry. No. 114, Brothers, Clark, Hammill, Stevenson, Thomson. No. 115, Parker. No. 125, Steiner. No. 126, Page, Moore. No. 130, Giller, Kirkpatrick, Lescure, Chandler, Riley, Stokes, Strickland. No. 131, Smith, Alkins, Moore. No. 134, Rooney, Williamson. No. 135, Seltzer. No. 155, Bacon, Collins, Woodbury. No. 158, Shields, Wills, Reneker. No. 186, Ziegler. No. 187, Albertson, Purvis, Zimmerman, Hahn, Simpson. No. 211, Page, Cartwright. No. 227, McClain. No. 246, Jones, Hyneman, Randall. No. 263, Klenck. No. 274, Sitford, Pedrick, Sides. No. 289, Phillips, Selkirk, Davis. No. 292, Murphy. No. 295, Elliott, Coleman, Harpur, Gilpin, Yerkes.

Proxies: P. Williamson, J. K. Mitchell, H. M. Phillips, W. H. Adams, R. Vaux, W. English, J. L. Hutchinson, W. Whitney, J. Page, G. P. Cummings, H. Baugh, J. Steiner, E. P. Lescure, E. Strickland, L. Hyneman.

Forty-eight Lodges represented, thirty-three by members and fifteen by proxy.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at half past Seven o'clock, P. M.

The R. W. Grand Master stated that the business would be resumed where the Grand Lodge left off at last Communication. The Chairman of Committee on the Ahiman Rezon then resumed reading.

Sec. 6, Chapter III, on Order of procession of Lodge on common occasions. Which was carried. Grand Processions on public occasions. Which was carried. Ceremony of Constituting a Lodge and public procession. Carried. In relation to District Deputy Grand Masters. Carried. The Committee offered the following, viz: No Brother shall use his Certificate or expose any Masonic emblem as a sign for the purpose of turning them to account in his business. Bro. Vaux moved to strike out the words "for the purpose of turning them to account." Bro. Gilpin moved to postpone the whole subject.

Division called 29 votes in the Aff. 45 votes in the Neg. Several other amendments were offered but not agreed to. The original as reported by the Committee with Bro. Richard Vaux's amendment was then carried by a large vote. Sec. 24, Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund. Carried. Trustees Girard Bequest. Carried. Appendix was then taken up. Forms, &c. No. 1. Slightly amended then adopted. No. 2 as read. Strike out the words "in use" insert "now or late of Lodge No. " As corrected adopted. No. 3. Certificate for a member, adopted. Nos. 4, 5 and 6, adopted. No. 7. Instead of old Nos. 7 and 8 applications for Initiation and Membership. Adopted. Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 adopted. No. 15. Deputation to a P. M. to issue dispensations, &c. Action on the foregoing postponed. No. 16. Shall make same declaration as in No. 8. This approved and then adopted. Nos. 17 and 18 read and adopted.

The Grand Treasurer stated that he had an offer for the unoccupied store for a wholesale liquor business and asked instructions from the Grand Lodge how to act in the matter. In order to bring the matter before the Grand Lodge a Brother moved that the store be rented for that purpose. Upon the question being put it was negatived almost unanimously.

On motion a number of Visiting Brethren were admitted during the Evening.

The hour of ¼ past 10 o'clock having arrived the Grand Lodge closed in peace to meet on Monday the 20th of April next.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, April 20th, 1857, A. L. 5857.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Quarterly Communication.

Present: Bro. PETER WILLIAMSON, R. W. G. M. Bro. John K. Mitchell, R. W. D. G. M. Bro. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. S. G. W. Bro. John Thomson, R. W. J. G. W. Bro. James Shields, R. W. G. Treas. Bro. Wm. H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty. Bro. George H. Ashton, D. G. Secty. Bros. Richard Vaux and J. S. Riley, S. G. D. Bro.

William English, J. G. D. Bro. Jos. N. Peirsoll, G. Marshal. Bro. John L. Goddard, G. S. Bearer. Bros. Jos. T. Thomas and William Leach, G. Stewards. Bro. Horace L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant. Bro. John Chambers, G. Chaplain. Bro. Peter Fritz, P. G. Master.

Lodges Represented: No. 3, English. No. 9, Leach, Brothers. No. 19, Wright, Griscom, Thomas. No. 51, Wier, Thomson, Workman. No. 52, Hoopes. No. 59, Adams, Sinexon. No. 61, Harvey. No. 67, Piersol, Smith, Stagers, Reese, Squibb, Hemphill. No. 71, Levering. No. 72, Phillips, Ashton, Williams, Potter, O'Hara. No. 91, Mallery. No. 106, Packer. No. 114, Hammell. No. 115, Black. No. 121, Mitchell, Peterson. No. 125, Steiner. No. 126, Jackson. No. 130, Riley, Strickland, Chandler. No. 131, Alkins, Smith. No. 134, Williamson. No. 155, Martin. No. 158, Wills, Shields, Renneker, Oliver. No. 186, Smith. No. 187, McCahen, Purvis. No. 190, Brown. No. 211, Cartwright. No. 227, Diehl, McLean. No. 246, Randall. No. 274, Goddard, Pedrick. No. 284, Getz. No. 289, Davis.

Proxies: P. Williamson, J. K. Mitchell, H. M. Phillips, W. H. Adams, W. English, W. Leach, H. L. Peterson, P. Fritz, Chas. Brothers, G. Griscom, C. C. Williams, E. Strickland.

Forty-three Lodges represented, thirty-one by members and twelve by proxy.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at ½ past 7 o'clock, P. M.

The amended Ahiman Rezon was taken up at the point where it was left off at Extra Meeting held March 30th, 1857.

Appendix No. 19.

Form of a Dispensation passing the Chair, adopted. Forms Nos. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 as read were adopted. No. 27 form to hold a special election, adopted. No. 28 Grand Lodge Certificate (by Dispensation) with slight alteration by Bro. Griscom of the words "virtue of a" to be inserted. As amended was adopted. Brother Joseph S. Riley moved that the further consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Ahiman Rezon be postponed until the next Quarterly Meeting of the Grand Lodge in June next. And that it be referred back to the Committee for classification with a view to publication. Which was adopted.

An amendment to the By-laws of Lodge No. 25 was presented and referred to the Committee on By-laws. An amendment to the By-laws of Lodge No. 59, making the Initiation fee $30 and requiring the whole to be paid at the time of application. Was read and adopted. An amendment to the By-laws of Lodge No. 274 in relation to time of meeting was read and adopted.

Copies of the By-laws of Lodges Nos. 273, 276, 299 and amendment to the By-laws of Lodge No. 138 was also read and on motion was referred to the Committee on By-laws.

A communication was read from the Grand Lodge of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations to be present with them on the 24th of June next in the City of Providence and partake

in the celebration of the Festival of Saint John the Baptist, and the Centennial Anniversary of St. John's Lodge, No. 2.

JAMES SALSBURY, SAMUEL LEWIS,
OLIVER JOHNSON, J. A. D. JOSLIN,
Committee of the Grand Lodge.

GEORGE F. WILSON, JAMES HUTCHINSON, G. T. SWARTZ,
Com. of St. John's Lodge, No. 2.

PROVIDENCE, Mar. 17, 1857.

On motion the communication was received and the Grand Secretary requested to furnish them a list of the Lodges, &c., under this jurisdiction. On motion of Bro. William English it was further resolved, that the Communication be referred to the Grand Officers with power to act. Which was agreed to.

A special communication was read from Lafayette Lodge, No. 71. Was ordered to be entered and filed.

Communication was read from Lodge No. 186 and on motion was ordered to be entered and filed.

Communication was read from Lodge No. 237, Bealsville, Washington Co., appointing Bro. William Barger, of Lodge No. 72 their Proxy was read. The same was received and ordered to be filed and Bro. Wm. Barger acknowledged as the Proxy of said Lodge.

A communication from Lodge No. 265, at Bloomsburg, Columbia Co., appointing Bro. James Hutchinson their Proxy. On motion the communication was ordered to be filed and Bro. Jas. Hutchinson acknowledged as the Proxy of said Lodge in the Grand Lodge of Penna.

A communication was read and ordered to be filed from Lodge No. 274.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 244 giving the action of the Lodge on the Report of a Committee appointed on an appeal of Bro. —— —— for restoration and asking the Grand Lodge to approve the proceedings had thereon. The communication led to considerable interchange of opinions when finally the whole subject was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

An application from Lodge No. 226, Petitioning the Grand Lodge for permission to take another ballot on the application of —— —— he being twice rejected by said Lodge. The favor is solicited on the ground that five years having elapsed since the rejection took place that all objection has ceased to exist. On motion of Bro. Jos. S. Riley it was agreed that the Lodge be permitted to receive a new application from —— —— and that said application go through all the regular forms of the order.

A communication from Lodge No. 264 dated March 5th, 1857, setting forth that on the 19th of July, 1854, they paid to Brother —— ——, then District Deputy Grand Master, $85.06 which sum was not paid by him to the Grand Lodge. The Lodge is poor and unable to bear the loss, ask that so much of their dues as was paid to —— be remitted. On motion of Bro. Henry M. Phillips it was agreed that

the Lodge be credited with the amount paid to the late District Deputy Grand Master, —— ——. On motion duly made and seconded, it was further agreed that the Grand Secretary be requested to take such measures as will compel the payment of the money from Bro. ——.

The following report was read, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Richmond Lodge, No. 230, desiring the Grand Lodge to place —— ——, a candidate for Initiation and Membership in said Lodge, respectfully report: that they have made diligent inquiry into the matter and recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. P. KING, JAS. M. LEDDY, WM. SHIPPEN, JR.

Resolved, that —— ——, a candidate for Initiation and Membership in Richmond Lodge, No. 230, be and is hereby relieved from the disability under which he labors by reason of a rejection by said Lodge and is at their request restored to the standing and position he occupied prior to said rejection. On motion of Bro. Jos. S. Riley the foregoing was laid on the table for the purpose of enabling him to offer the following resolution, to wit: *Resolved*, that Lodge No. 230 have permission to receive from —— ——, a new application for the rights and privileges of the order and that said application be subject to all the requirements of the order. After considerable interchange of opinion the foregoing was adopted.

On motion duly made and seconded, a number of visiting Brethren were admitted.

No further business presenting itself the Grand Lodge closed in great Harmony at ¼ to 10 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, June 1, 1857, A. L. 5857.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Quarterly Communication.

Present: Bro. PETER WILLIAMSON, R. W. G. M. Bro. John K. Mitchell, R. W. D. G. M. Bro. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. S. G. W. Bro. John Thomson, R. W. J. G. W. Bro. James Shields, R. W. G. Treas. Bro. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty. Bro. George H. Ashton, D. G. Secty. Bro. William English, S. G. Deacon. Bro. Lucius H. Scott, J. G. Deacon. Bro. Jeremiah L. Hutchinson, G. Marshal. Bro. John L. Goddard, G. S. Bearer. Bros. Joseph T. Thomas and John Bolt, G. Stewards. Bro. Horace L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant. Bros. James Page, William Whitney, Peter Fritz, P. G. Masters. Bro. Rev. M. Forrester, of Erie, G. Chaplain.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Tallman, Blackburne, Graham. No. 3, English, Thomson, Skerrett, Martin. No. 9, Kelly, Leach. No. 19,

Griscom, Thomas, Cook. No. 21, Lamberton. No. 22, Taggart. No. 25, Scott, M'Brien. No. 43, Springer, Howell. No. 45, Adair. No. 51, Johnson, Allen, Workman, Thomson. No. 52, Pearson, Ramsey, Hoopes. No. 59, Adams, McPherson. No. 64, Harvey. No. 67, Wagner, Squibb, Baugh, Smith, Bolt, Reese, Hemphill. No. 71, Hutchinson, Bambery, Frismuth. No. 72, Phillips, Ashton. No. 81, Johnson, Snyder, Fulton. No. 91, Perkins, Hinchman. No. 106, Hayes. No. 108, Bull, McKean. No. 114, Hammell, Stevenson, Clark, Huddell. No. 115, Parker. No. 121, Mitchell, Smith. No. 125, Maag, Ziegler. No. 126, Page, Jackson. No. 130, Young, Lescure, Riley, Chandler, Kirkpatrick, Strickland. No. 131, Smith, Alkins. No. 135, Mullen, Ledyard. No. 134, Jackson, Williamson. No. 155, Curtis, Gowie, Fritz, Martin, Woodbury. No. 156, Tomlinson, Watson, Edwards. No. 158, Wills, Shields, Wetherby. No. 164, Achison. No. 186, Hufty, Smith. No. 187, Purvis. No. 197, Squire, Date, Livingston, Porter, Corman, Porter, Mahon. No. 203, Weeks, Davis, M'Cord, Ritz. No. 199, Johnson, Beardsley. No. 211, Page, Cartwright. No. 220, Dobyne, Fisher. No. 227, Stout, Ancona, Mulholland, Diehl, McLean. No. 230, Graeff, Langbartle. No. 232, Haines. No. 233, Reddin, Helfe, Ensign, Ebert, Hileman. No. 234, Smull. No. 236, Goff, Cliff, Sear. No. 238, Huhn. No. 240, Richardson. No. 242, Otis, Houston, Wolf, Price, Dobson, Struthers. No. 245, Carr, Rials. No. 246, Hyneman. No. 252, Yates. No. 254, Clark. No. 256, Bound. No. 260, Skiles, Weise, Williams, Johnson, Tiffany. No. 262, Henry, No. 269, McKnight, Ormsby. No. 271, Hart. No. 274, Goddard. No. 275 Coulter, Cunningham, Chambers. No. 281, McKee. No. 282, Gardner, M'Farlane, Hollinshead. No. 283, Bartlett. No. 284, Goetz, McIntyre, Martin, Craft. No. 289, Davis, Phillips. No. 292, Murphy. No. 296 Lewis. No. 299, Ellis.

Proxies: W. H. Pearson, P. Williamson, J. K. Mitchell, H. M. Phillips, W. H. Adams, W. English, J. L. Hutchinson, H. L. Peterson, J. Page, W. Whitney, P. Fritz, F. Blackburne, D. C. Skerrett, W. Leach, H. Baugh, E. P. Lescure, W. Curtis, G. W. Hufty.

Eighty-eight Lodges represented, seventy by members and eighteen by proxy.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at ¼ to 8 o'clock, P. M.

The minutes of Quarterly Meeting held March 2, 1857, the Special Meeting held March 17, 1857, the Special Meeting held March 30, 1857, the Special Meeting held April 20, 1857, were read and adopted.

Copies of the By-laws of Lodges Nos. 115, 121, 164, 299 and 304. On motion the foregoing were referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The R. W. Grand Master arose and stated as follows viz:

BRETHREN, Notice having been extended to all the Lodges under this Jurisdiction in accordance with the provisions in the Section 4, of the Ahiman Rezon that, that portion of the report of the Committee appointed to revise the same relating to the source from which the revenue of the Grand Lodge is to be derived, would come up for action this evening. We have deemed it but just to those

Brethren from a distance to depart from our usual custom in conducting the business of the Grand Lodge and make this subject the first in order that an opportunity may be afforded to those Brethren who may be present to participate in the discussion of this subject, after which the other business of the Grand Lodge will be resumed in its regular order. The Chairman of the Committee on the revision of the Ahiman Rezon read the whole of Sec. 4 relating to the revenues of Grand Lodge. The question on price of Warrants being $100 as reported by the Committee was then taken up. Considerable discussion here ensued. Bro. Johnson of Carlisle Moved to amend by striking out the $100 and inserting $81 as before which being seconded the question was taken and a division called for. The Grand Marshal reported 104 voting for the amendment and 52 in the negative or opposed to the amendment. The amendment was then declared to be carried, and the price for Warrants fixed at eighty-one dollars as heretofore. The question on price of dispensations to Pass the Chair was next in order. When the Chairman, P. G. Master, Bro. William Whitney stated that with the consent of the other members of the Committee they had struck out the word ten and inserted five as before. Which was agreed to by the Grand Lodge. And the price of Dispensation to Pass the Chair was fixed at five dollars the same as heretofore. Price of Dispensations to Enter, Pass and Raise or either was next in order. Ten dollars was the price fixed upon by the Committee as before; no change recommended. Bro. Pollock of Pittsburg moved to strike out ten and insert fifty to Enter, Pass and Raise and ten to Pass and Raise or either. This was further amended by Bro. D. E. Stout, D. D. G. M. to strike out $50 and insert $25. Considerable discussion took place. Bro. R. A. Lamberton called for a point of order on Bro. Pollock's motion. The R. W. G. Master decided the motion of Bro. Pollock in order, the question being called for on the amendment of Bro. Stout it was then put. The Grand Master decided the amendment to the amendment was lost. The question was then taken on the original amendment of Bro. Pollock and lost. The question was then called for and taken on the adoption of the report of the Committee and was agreed to. The price of Dispensation to Enter, Pass and Raise or for either was then fixed at ten dollars as reported by the Committee.

On motion of Bro. Wm. English and duly seconded, the following resolution was Adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund be and they are hereby authorized and required to proceed according to law to collect the principal sum of the mortgage on the lot in Germantown, viz: $3200 held by said Trustees for the Charity Fund aforesaid and also the interest due on said mortgage provided said interest be not paid in full on or before the 15th day of June inst. And said Trustees are hereby further authorized to sell said mortgage at private sale whenever they can obtain par value therefor and invest the proceeds of such sale in the loans of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Bro. Henry M. Phillips and duly seconded, the following Resolution was adopted, viz:

Resolved, that the R. W. G. Master be and he is hereby authorized to draw his warrant on the Grand Treasurer in favor of the Trustees of the Masonic Loans for the amount of interest falling due on the first day of July next on the $110,000 Loan.

By particular desire the report of the Committee on the amended Ahiman Rezon was again taken up at Section 4, price of Grand Lodge Certificates. Committee recommend the old price of Two Dollars which was agreed to. Fees from Subordinate Lodges to be one dollar as heretofore. Bro. Lilly moved to Strike out $1.00 and insert 50 cents which was not adopted. The question was then put on the $1.00 as reported by the Committee and agreed to. The fee to be paid by each Lodge for every member returned is fixed at $1.00 as heretofore. Fees from Lodges meeting in the Hall of the Grand Lodge and within five miles thereof for each Initiation, the price was fixed at seven dollars. Fees from all other Lodges for each Initiation the price was fixed at two dollars as heretofore. All adopted and the whole passed off with great satisfaction.

On motion duly made and seconded the following named Brethren were admitted as visitors during the evening: Bros. Henry A. Burton, No. 2; W. Woodside, Chas. P. Anderson, No. 51; Jos. Gedlow, No. 58, New Orleans; D. Housman, No. 62; J. Rutherford, No. 67; Chas. W. Carrigan, No. 91; Osborn Watson, No. 126; Richard T. White, No. 131; James E. Ewing, No. 156; John R. Hulm, No. 158; Joseph A. Hedges, No. 155; D. K. Albright, No. 184; L. L. Davis, John Franklin, No. 186; David Dorrett, No. 203; Mathias Ziegler, No. 211; W. D. McNair, Jno. L. Cooper, W. D. Tombler, No. 242; E. Rehug, No. 284; H. L. Sinexon, No. 295; W. J. Painter, No. 299; Sam'l C. Cruse, No. 1, Brazil.

The Grand Lodge then closed in peace to meet on the third Monday inst. at 7 o'clock at ½ past 10 o'clock P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, June 15, 1857, A. L. 5857.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Extra Quarterly Communication.

Present: Bro. PETER WILLIAMSON, R. W. G. M. Bro. John K. Mitchell, R. W. D. G. M. Bro. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. S. G. W. Bro. John Thomson, R. W. J. G. W. Bro. James Shields, R. W. G. Treas. Bro. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty. Bro. Charles Gilpin, D. G. Secty. Bro. William English, S. G. Deacon. Bro. Charles Frishmuth, J. G. Deacon. Bro. John L. Young, G. Marshal. Bro. George P. Little, G. S. Bearer. Bros. Edwd. Strickland and Danl. Thompson, G. Stewards. Bro. Horace L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant. Bro. William Whitney, P. G. Master.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Blackburne, Thomas. No. 3, Thomson, English, Maguire, Padmore. No. 9, McKay, Leach. No. 19, Griscom.

No. 25, Benezet. No. 45, Adair. No. 51, Thomson, Whitney, Workman. No. 52, Day, Wilson, Wood. No. 59, Sinexon, Adams, Campbell. No. 67, Bolt, Squibb, Reese. No. 71, Frishmuth, Bambrey, Schnider. No. 72, Williams, Phillips. No. 91, Connelly, Mallery. No. 114, Huddell. No. 115, Heylin. No. 121, Mitchell, Peterson. No. 125, Ziegler. No. 126, Jackson. No. 130, Young, Lescure, Giller, Strickland, Chandler, Kirkpatrick. No. 131, Smith, Alkins, Penrose. No. 134, Williamson, Roney. No. 155, Woodbury, Gowie, Jones. No. 158, Shields, Wetherby. No. 186, Little, Bigley, Scattergood. No. 187, Parsons. No. 211, Page, Cartwright. No. 224, Donaldson. No. 227, Diehl, Coxell. No. 245, Carr. No. 274, Pedrick, Sears. No. 287, Davis. No. 292, Eckles. No. 295, Gilpin.

Proxies: P. Williamson, J. K. Mitchell, H. M. Phillips, W. H. Adams, W. English, G. P. Little, E. Strickland, H. L. Peterson, W. Whitney, F. Blackburne, W. Leach.

Forty-four Lodges represented, thirty-three by members and eleven by proxy.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at ¼ to 8 o'clock, P. M.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 21 at Harrisburg, which was ordered to be filed. Also a petition to take another ballot in the case of —— ——, an applicant for Initiation and Membership who had been rejected some months since. The objections having been happily removed the Lodge prayed the permission to take a reballot. On motion duly made and seconded, permission was granted provided the Brethren are all notified when said reballot is to take place.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 71, which was ordered to be noted and filed.

Another communication from the same Lodge was read stating that a —— —— who had been duly Initiated in Lodge No. 71 March 25th, 1857, while on a visit to Wilmington, Delaware, Lodge No. 14 of that place by virtue of a Dispensation granted by the Deputy Grand Master, Crafted and Raised the said —— —— and gave him a certificate of the fact of his being Crafted and Raised as set forth. On motion duly made and seconded in Lodge No. 71 the whole subject was referred to the Grand Lodge for instructions. The matter elicited considerable discussion when it was finally agreed to refer the whole matter to the Committee on Landmarks. Which was agreed to.

A communication from Lodge No. 135 was read which was ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication from Lodge No. 72 was read asking permission to dispense with the monthly meetings in July and August. The petition was granted and the following general resolution was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that the several Lodges meeting in this Hall have permission to dispense with the usual meetings during the months of July and August if they see fit so to do.

A communication from Lodge No. 158 was read asking permission to take another ballot in the case of —— —— a rejected candidate in said Lodge. The application being informal was referred back to the Lodge for correction.

A communication from Lodge No. 211 was read. On motion the communication was ordered to be filed.

A communication from Lodge No. 223 was read creating P. G. Master, Bro. Peter Fritz the proxy of said Lodge. On motion the communication was ordered to be filed, and Bro. Peter Fritz acknowledged as the Proxy of Lodge No. 223.

A memorial from Lodge No. 224 at Danville was read praying the Grand Lodge for permission to take a reballot in the case of —— —— who had been black-balled in said Lodge some years since. The objections appearing to be removed the following resolution was adopted, to wit: *Resolved*, that permission be given to —— —— to make a new application to Lodge No. 224. Said application to undergo all the forms of the order.

A communication from Lodge No. 234 was read setting forth that with the unanimous consent of the members the Lodge had changed the place of meeting. Ordered to be noted and filed.

A communication from Lodge No. 251 was read appointing Bro. William H. Adams the Proxy of said Lodge. On motion the communication was ordered to be filed and Bro. Wm. H. Adams acknowledged as the Proxy of said Lodge.

A similar communication was read from Lodge No. 254 appointing Bro. George H. Oliver the Proxy of said Lodge. On motion the communication was ordered to be filed and Bro. Geo. H. Oliver acknowledged as the Proxy.

A communication from Lodge No. 276 was read. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication from Lodge No. 292 was read. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication from Lodge No. 295 was read. Ordered to be noted and filed.

A communication from Lodge No. 301 was read appointing Bro. William Leach their Proxy. On motion the communication was ordered filed and Bro. Wm. Leach acknowledged as Proxy for said Lodge.

A similar communication from Lodge No. 305 was read appointing Bro. Harman Baugh their Proxy. Bro. H. Baugh was duly acknowledged as the Proxy of said Lodge and the communication was ordered to be filed.

An amendment to the By-laws of Lodge No. 225 were presented and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

An application for a New Lodge at Ebensburg, Cambria County, was read recommending Bro. David W. Lewis to be the first W. M.; Alex. C. Mullin to be the first Senior Warden, and William K. Piper to be the first Junior Warden. On motion the application was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

Reports from standing committees were called in the following order, to wit:

Committee of Finance report progress.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Committee on By-laws report adopted. See report copied towards the close of this night's proceedings.

Hall Committee. No report.

Committee on Landmarks. No report.

Trustees Grand Lodge Charity Fund. No report.

Trustees Girard Charity Fund. No report.

Grand Secretary's report for Trustees Grand Lodge Masonic Loans, also on recapitulation of expenses building New Hall, Chestnut Street, ordered to be entered on the Minutes at length and papers filed in the archives.

See reports copied at length near the close of this night's proceedings.

Reports on Special Matters referred.

The following report was read and on motion was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act, viz:

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The undersigned having been appointed a special Committee to examine into the facts and make report of the same to the Grand Lodge in the matter of charges preferred against D. D. G. M. Bro. —— —— by Bro. —— —— of Presque Isle Lodge, No. 235, beg leave in addition to the testimony herewith transmitted to make the following report. Notice of the time and place of meeting having been served upon Bros. —— and —— together with a copy of the charges to each, your Committee met at the City of Erie on Thursday, Jan. 8, 1856. Present of the Committee R. C. Johnson and R. Adrain. Parties not appearing Committee adjourned to meet at the Hall of Lodge No. 235 on Thursday, Jan. 15, 1856, with special notice to all parties concerned. Committee met agreeably to adjournment with all the Members of the Committee present also Bros. —— and —— not appearing. The charges and specifications against Bro. —— being read together with the authority of the Committee under the Seal of the Grand Lodge for acting in the premises Bro. —— pleaded *not guilty* and stated that the charges and specifications *were wholly untrue.* In relation to the case of Bro. —— the Committee beg leave to state that the *charges and specifications 1st and 2nd seem to have been made out by the testimony,* further than this your Committee do not feel inclined to express an opinion more than to say that we do not believe that Bro. —— acted with that prudence and foresight required of one occupying the high and distinguished position which he does. In addition to the foregoing your Committee beg leave to express their unfeigned regrets for the disordered and unharmonious state of things existing in Lodge No. 235 growing out of the troubles in relation to the conduct of Bro. —— ——. Things have gone to such a pass already as to place in jeopardy the existence of the

Lodge and the fair fame of our beloved Institution, altho' the conduct of Bro. —— was not legitimately included in the instructions to your Committee yet the facts brought out in the course of investigation warrant them in making this presentation. In taking the testimony the Committee excluded as far as practicable everything which had not a direct bearing on the case of Bro. ——, except in a few instances and then at the request of one of the parties. Harmony cannot be restored in Presque Isle Lodge so long as the worthy Brethren are compelled to affiliate with the unworthy.

Fraternally yours,

R. C. JOHNSON, ROBERT ADRAIN, LEWIS L. LORD, *Committee.*

The following bill accompanied the report was read and referred to the Grand Officers.

Grand Lodge of Penna.

To *R. C. Johnson, R. Adrain & L. L. Lord,* Dr.

To expenses in taking testimony in case of charges preferred against D. D. G. Master, Bro —— —— $40 00

The following report was read and on motion adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report, that they have examined the several By-laws referred to them and would recommend, that all after the word "suspended" be stricken from the amendment to the By-laws of Lodge No. 25 and the following substituted, viz: "or expelled therefor after having received due notice of said default and of the time when the Lodge shall purpose to take action thereon" and that said amendment be then approved. That the word "and" be stricken from the last clause of Sec. 1, Art. III, of the By-laws of Lodge No. 115, and the words "the Worshipful Master" substituted and that said By-laws be then approved. That the words "of which fact he shall be previously notified by the Secretary" be stricken from Sec. 2, Art. VI, of the By-laws of Lodge No. 121, and the following substituted, "having first been duly notified of said default and of the time when the Lodge shall purpose to take action thereon." That the words "two-thirds" be stricken from Art. XIII of said By-laws, and the word "majority" be substituted and that the same be then approved. That "6½" be stricken from Sec. 2, Art. I, of the By-laws of Lodge No. 164, and "6" substituted. That the word "called" be stricken from Art. III, and "extra" substituted. That after the word "ballot" in Sec. 1, Art. III, there be inserted "agreeably to the provisions of the Ahiman Rezon regulating the election of officers of the Grand Lodge." That Sec. 2, of said Article be stricken out. That Sec. 2, Art. VI, be stricken out. That Sec. 1 and 2, Art. VIII be stricken out, and the following substituted: "Petitions for Initiation and Membership and the proceeedings thereon shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Ahiman Rezon under the head of members of Subordinate Lodges." That Art. IX

be stricken out and the following substituted, viz: "The fees for conferring degrees and membership shall in all cases be paid in advance and shall be as follows:

For conferring the three degrees by Dispensation, $20; for Initiation and Membership, $20; for admission of an Entered Apprentice from another Lodge, $15; for admission of a Fellow Craft, from another Lodge, $10; for admission of a Master Mason from another Lodge, $5.

That all of Sec. 2, Art. X, after the words "due by him" be stricken out and the following substituted, "he may be suspended or expelled having first been duly notified of his said default and of the time when the Lodge propose to take action thereon." That Sec. 1 and 2, Art. XI, be stricken out except the following, "Every brother who may have withdrawn from this Lodge and afterwards applies for readmission shall in every respect comply with the requisitions of the Ahiman Rezon in reference to the admission of members." That the word "diploma" be stricken from Art. XI, Sec. 3, and the word "certificate" substituted. That all after the word "reprimand" be stricken from Sec. 2, Art. XIV. That the words "two-thirds" be stricken from Sec. 1, Art. XVI, and the word "majority" substituted. That Sec. 2, Art. XIV, be stricken out, and that said By-laws be then approved. That the word "seven" be stricken from Sec. 2, Art. I, of the By-laws of Lodge No. 273 and the word "six" substituted, that the word "eight" be stricken from the same section, and the word "seven" substituted. That all after the word "expelled" be stricken from Sec. 3, Art. VI, and the following substituted, "having first received due notice of the time which the Lodge shall appoint for taking action on his said default." That the words "by a unanimous vote" be stricken from Sec. 4, Art. VI, and that said By-laws be then approved. That the second clause of Art. I, of the By-laws of Lodge No. 276, be stricken out and the following substituted, "The hours of meeting shall be six o'clock, P. M., from September twenty-fifth to March twenty-fifth, and seven o'clock, P. M. from March twenty-fifth to September twenty-fifth." That the words after "Evangelist's day" and before "and no Brother" be stricken out, and the words "in accordance with the regulations of the Ahiman Rezon for the election of Grand Officers" be substituted, and said By-laws be then approved. That the words "with the consent of the Lodge" be stricken from Sec. 3, Art. I, of the By-laws of Lodge No. 299, and that said By-laws be then approved. That for the words "first," "April" and "October" in Sec. 1, Art. I, of By-laws of Lodge No. 304, the words "twenty-fifth," "March" and "September," be respectively substituted. That the word "decided" be stricken from Sec. 2, Art. IV, and the words "disposed of" be substituted. That the proviso to Sec. 6, Art. IV, be stricken out. That Sec. 1, Art. VII, be stricken out, and the following substituted, viz: "Petitions for Initiation and Membership and the proceedings thereon shall in all respects be in accordance with the regulations of the

Ahiman Rezon." That Sec. 7, Art. VII, be stricken out and the following substituted, viz: "The fees for conferring degrees and membership shall in all cases be paid in advance and shall be as follows, viz:

For conferring the three degrees by Dispensation, $17; for Initiation and Membership, $10; for admission of an Entered Apprentice from another Lodge, $12; for admission of a Fellow Craft from another Lodge, $5; for admission of a Master Mason from another Lodge, $5." That all after the words "twelve months" be struck from Sec. 3, Art. VIII, and the following substituted, "may be suspended or expelled for non-payment thereof after having received due notice of said default and of the time the Lodge shall appoint for taking action thereon." That Sec. 3, Art. IX, be stricken out. That the word "diploma" be stricken from Art. X, and "certificates" substituted. That the words "of two-thirds" be stricken from Art. XIV, and that said By-laws be then approved.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. ADAMS, ROBT. FRAZIER, *Committee.*

The following report was read and on motion, approved, and resolution adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee to whom was referred the memorial of Bro. —— ——, of Wilkesbarre Lodge, No. 61, relative to the Entering, Passing and Raising of one —— —— by Dispensation in said Lodge beg leave to report, that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and submit the following facts and remarks (which have been elicited by the investigation) for the consideration of the R. W. Grand Lodge. At a stated meeting of Lodge No. 61, held at Wilkesbarre on the evening of August 11, 1856, A. L. 5856, at which were present Bros. E. B. Harvey, W. Master, *p. t.;* S. D. Lewis, S. Warden, *p. t.;* B. A. Baines, J. Warden, *p. t.;* G. B. Nicholson, S. Deacon, and others. A Master Mason's Lodge being opened a petition for Initiation and Membership was received and read from —— ——, a resident of Wilkesbarre, which was referred to a Committee to make the necessary inquiries, and at the next Stated Meeting of the Lodge held Sept. 8, 1856, A. L. 5856, at which were present Bros. E. B. Harvey, W. M., *p. t.;* S. D. Lewis, S. W., *p. t.;* J. P. Dennis, J. W., and others. A Master Mason's Lodge being opened the Committee appointed to make the necessary inquiries into the character and qualifications of —— —— reported favorably and on motion the committee was discharged and the applicant balloted for and rejected. A motion was then made for a reconsideration of the ballot in the case of —— ——. Up to this period the Lodge had proceeded in a regular and constitutional manner. But a Special Meeting of the Lodge was held on the Thursday evening, Sept. 18, 1856, A. L. 5856, at which were present Bros. E. B. Harvey, W. M., *p. t.;* S. D. Lewis, S. W., *p. t.;* J. P. Dennis, J. W.; W. S. Beaumont, S. D. *p. t.;* G. B. Nicholson, J. D., *p. t.*,

and others. (What Lodge was opened does not appear by the certified copy of the Minutes.) A Dispensation was received and read from the D. D. G. Master, Bro. Henry Pettibone, authorizing the Lodge to Enter, Pass and Raise to the degree of Master Mason, —— ——, who had been rejected at the previous Stated Meeting of the Lodge, said Dispensation having been granted upon the recommendation of Bros. E. B. Henry, W. M., *p. t.;* S. D. Lewis, S. W., *p. t.*, and J. P. Dennis, J. W., the petitioner giving as a reason for applying for the Dispensation the fact "that he had but one good eye," and his belief that the rules of the order would prevent his being made a Mason unless by virtue of a Dispensation. At this meeting as appears by the Minutes of Lodge No. 61, —— was Entered, Passed and Raised to the degree of a Master Mason. It is due to Bro. Nicholson to say that he informed the Committee that he withdrew from the Lodge previous to the conferring of the degrees upon ——. The Grand Lodge will perceive that the proceedings of this meeting of Lodge No. 61, were entirely irregular. A motion had been made at the previous Stated Meeting for a reconsideration of the ballot in Mr. ——'s case, and no action whatever should have been taken until the succeeding Stated Meeting, at which time the motion to reconsider being adopted, a motion for another ballot would have been in order and would lie over until the next Stated Meeting; previous to which due notice should have been given to every Member of the Lodge that such ballot would be had. But the Brethren of Lodge No. 61, who participated in these proceedings, seem to have been extremely anxious for the admission of —— (who appears by the evidence to be a very worthy person) for in order to obtain their object most speedily they recommend him to the D. D. G. Master for a Dispensation upon the plea "that he had but one eye." And unfortunately, Bro. Pettibone, under a misapprehension of the authority and power in him vested, granted the Dispensation. Bro. Pettibone and the Brethren of Lodge No. 61 seem not to have been aware of the fact that authority rests with no one to grant a Dispensation to make a Mason during the interim between the time of rejection and final ballot. Dispensations to Enter, Pass and Raise can only be granted in cases where the parties are "about to leave the state and cannot wait the usual delays." (See Ahiman Rezon, page 253.) Nor does the power rest with any one to grant a Dispensation to make a Mason of any person who is physically incapacitated to do all the work of the Lodge. The Grand Master cannot trench upon the ancient Landmarks of the order. He is bound to maintain them intact, and see that they be not in any manner infringed upon. Mr. —— should not have been rejected on the ground of physical incapacity (as it is apprehended was the case) for the loss of one eye did not render him incapable of doing the work of the Lodge. But having been rejected a final ballot should have been taken at the proper time, when, if again rejected, he could finally have appealed to the Grand Lodge, who would have appointed a committee to inquire into the circumstances of the case, and being

satisfied that he had been unfairly dealt with would doubtless have restored him to his former standing in the community and he could have applied to any other Lodge for Initiation and Membership. In view therefore of all the circumstances of the case your Committee are much grieved to be constrained to declare that the action of Bro. Henry Pettibone, late D. D. G. Master, in granting a Dispensation to Enter, Pass and Raise Mr. —— —— in Lodge No. 61, was an exercise of power and authority which was not and could not be, delegated to him by the Grand Master; but at the same time your Committee desire to express the confident belief that the error of Bro. Pettibone arose solely from a misunderstanding of the circumstances of a former case, which had occurred in another District some time back, but which upon inquiry into, were found to be totally dissimilar in every respect. Bro. Pettibone was unable to attend the meetings of your Committee, in consequence of being confined to his bed by severe indisposition, but a written communication was received from him pending the investigation in which he states "that in granting the dispensation to Mr. —— he acted conscientiously and as he supposed within the limits of his authority, and that he did not in the least suspect that he was overstepping or disregarding the land marks of the order" of the truth of which, your Committee do not entertain a doubt. It appears that previous to the proceedings referred to, the W. Master of the Lodge, Bro. Thomas Cassidy, had removed from the place and Bro. E. B. Harvey, the S. Warden, presided at the meetings as W. M., *p. t.*, assisted by the other Officers of the Lodge. Your Committee summoned Bro. Harvey and the other Officers who had participated in the transaction, as well as Bro. —— ——, the complainant, to attend a meeting of the Committee at the Hall in this City, which they punctually attended, although at great inconvenience to them, and the frank and candid avowal and gentlemanly deportment of these Brethren fully convinced your Committee that they had erred through ignorance and not from design; they acknowledged their error, asked for grace, and promised faithfully to avoid committing any similar transaction in future. They presented a memorial signed by 47 Members of Lodge No. 61, deprecating any extreme action by the Grand Lodge in regard to these Brethren of whose respectability and standing in the community in which they reside they fully vouched for. Several letters were also received by the Committee from Members of the order residing in other districts of a similar character and tendency, which entirely removed the unfavorable impressions which had previously existed in the minds of the Committee. Your Committee cannot dismiss the subject without expressing their decided approval of the course pursued by Bro. —— —— for the moral courage evinced by him in bringing this matter to the notice of the Grand Lodge and for which he deserves its thanks. They believe that it will be the means of preventing any similar irregularity in future and may be productive of much good. In conclusion your Committee recommend the adoption of the fol-

lowing resolutions, to wit: *Resolved*, that the proceedings of Wilkesbarre Lodge, No. 61, in Entering, Passing and Raising by Dispensation one —— ——, after his rejection and during the interim after a motion made for reconsideration as well as the granting of said dispensation by Bro. Henry Pettibone, late D. D. G. Master, were altogether irregular, improper and a violation of Masonic usage. *Resolved*, that the Grand Secretary be and is hereby instructed to forward a copy of this report and accompanying resolutions to the W. Master of Wilkesbarre Lodge, No. 61, with directions to cause said report and Resolutions to be read in open Lodge at a regular Stated Meeting, and entered at large upon the minutes. *Resolved*, that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

E. P. LESCURE, HENRY C. HOWELL,
D. C. SKERRETT, CHARLES GILPIN,
ROBT. FRAZER, *Committee.*

The Committee on the Amendments to the Ahiman Rezon, presented the following for the consideration of the Grand Lodge. A Brother who has been suspended for non-payment of dues may on the payment of the same be restored to good Masonic standing by a majority vote of the Lodge and if he is then desirous of joining the Lodge from which he was suspended, or any other Lodge, he must apply by petition and be recommended by two Master Masons, members of the Lodge, which petition shall be referred to a Committee of three Master Masons, neither of whom are recommenders; and at a subsequent Stated Meeting the Committee having unanimously reported in favor of the petition a ballot shall be had, and if receiving a unanimous vote he shall be declared elected. A Brother who has been expelled or suspended from a Lodge for any other cause than for non-payment of dues, and is desirous of being restored to membership or standing, must apply at a Stated Meeting to the Lodge of which he was last a member, when, if a majority of the Lodge shall so decide, the Lodge shall request the Grand Lodge to remove the expulsion or suspension which being removed, the Brother may apply for membership in the same manner and subject to the same regulations, prescribed in the foregoing article. Bro. H. M. Phillips moved to amend by striking out and inserting that a member suspended for non-payment of dues may be restored and reinstated in Membership on payment of arrears and the vote of the majority of the Lodge in his favor. Sixteen voted for the above and twenty-nine against. Declared lost. Bro. John Page moved to strike out by a majority vote of the Lodge. Question was put and declared as lost. The matter as reported by the Committee was put to vote and carried.

On motion of P. G. M., Bro. Wm. Whitney, the whole Ahiman Rezon as acted on and approved by Sections be now approved and to go into effect on and after Sept. 1st, 1857. On motion the Ahiman Rezon was referred to the Committee on the subject to have it

printed. On motion of Bro. Wm. English the Committee were directed to have two thousand copies printed and the matter stereotyped if necessary. Which was carried.

On motion of Bro. Wm. English the following resolutions were adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund be and they are hereby authorized and required to proceed according to law to collect the principal sum of the mortgage on the lot in Germantown, viz: $3200 held by said Trustees for the Charity Fund aforesaid, and also the interest due on said mortgage provided said interest be not paid in full on or before the 15th day of June inst., and said Trustees are hereby further authorized to sell said mortgage at private sale whenever they can obtain par value therefor and invest the proceeds of such sale in the loans of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Bro. F. Blackburne the following resolution was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Master be authorized to draw his order or warrant for any outstanding bills of the Furnishing Committee when he is satisfied that they are correct.

The following account was furnished by the Grand Secretary. (Referred to in another portion of the Minutes of this meeting.)

Subscribers to the One Hundred and Ten Thousand Dollars Loan. Lodge No. 2, $1,100; No. 3, $6,250; No. 9, $2,100; No. 19, $3,100; No. 51, $300; No. 52, $1,100; No. 59, $1,600; No. 67, $4,500; No. 71, $1,450; No. 72, $750; No. 91, $350; No. 114, $1,650; No. 115, $800; No. 121, $1,000; No. 125, $1,000; No. 126, $1,000; No. 130, $1,750; No. 134, $1,000; No. 155, $2,000; No. 158, $2,300; No. 185, $3,400; No. 187, $500; No. 211, $500; No. 245, $300; No. 271, $400; Mark Lodge No. 91, $400; Mark Lodge No. 214, $1,750; Chapter No. 3, $2,050; Chapter No. 91, $1,500; Encampment No. 4, $1,100; Grand Lodge Charity Fund, $6,350; Girard Bequest, $26,400; Grand Lodge, $10,000; Picture Fund, $100. Total, $89,850. Sundry persons, $20,150. Total, $110,000.

Subscribers to the forty-one thousand dollars Loan. Lodge No. 2, $500; oN. 3, $200; No. 9, $200; No. 19, $2,800; No. 51, $2,750; No. 67, $300; No. 71, $200; No. 91, $1,300; No. 114, $450; No. 121, $550; No. 130, $250; No. 155, $100; No. 158, $1,150; No. 186, $1,300; No. 211, $500; No. 271, $450; No. 295, $500; Mark Lodge, No. 91, $250; Mark Lodge, No. 214, $750; Chapter No. 91, $500; Encampment No. 4, $100; Grand Lodge Charity Fund, $500. Total, $15,600. Sundry persons, $25,400. Total, $41,000.

AMOUNT EXPENDED IN ERECTING NEW HALL, CHESTNUT STREET.

Paid for Plans, laying Corner-stone, &c.....	$817 87
R. Pickens & Co., excavating cellar.....	6,765 59
Kilgore & Hudders, west party wall.....	1,656 15
John Walker, stone work, cellars.....	1,422 06
Peter D. Myers, east party wall.....	427 40
A. Whitney & Son, iron roof.....	11,949 69

Sanson, Ferrand & Co., iron work north front	$1,736 55
John C. Adams, galvanized iron work	2,143 18
Jacob S. Price, carpenter work	36,505 63
Moore & Webster, brick work	15,165 93
School & Faurest, brown stone front	20,843 99
John C. Howell, smith work	3,582 09
James Spencely, plastering	8,024 90
S. K. Hoxsie, granite work	8,577 64
Whitney & Smith, glass for floor	1,350 00
Wm. D. Jones, glass for area	1,363 67
C. H. Willing, plumbing	1,577 28
J. Hare Otten, carving	1,408 00
S. & R. S. Wilson, painting	9,723 54
Stratton & Bros., pipes for gas fixtures	1,259 30
J. T. Hammitt, desks and tables	969 00
Farson & Davis, cabinet work	410 00
E. Werner, fresco painting	4,100 00
J. H. Orne, carpeting	4,295 58
Chas. Bushor, &c	1,636 00
Sanderson & Son, chairs, sofas, &c	6,951 78
S. A. Harrison, furnaces, &c	2,131 10
Cornelius Baker & Co., gas fixtures	2,744 50
Parrish & Hough, paper hanging	679 42
Evans & Watson, fireproof safe	600 00
Baxter & Bros., hardware, nails, &c	2,073 76
W. H. Carryl, furnishing	1,019 12
A. Catternach, carpenter work	1,640 93
Master & Tomlinson, " "	1,816 53
F. Blackburne, to pay sundry small bills	1,824 46
James Buck, hauling	547 58
Baker & Williams, flue pipes and furnaces	576 56
George Smith, watchman, &c	772 40
Geo. W. Watson	313 96
Samuel Price, measuring brick work	136 70
Oliver Fales, " "	95 00
John C. Leiper, stone for cellars	248 73
Thomas & Tizzard, rigging	204 37
J. M. Hopper, cleaning cellars	275 93
L. H. Atkinson, priming	290 40
S. Wallace and Trough and Lemmons, tin work	10 78
J. H. Medark, Furnishing Committee	34 17
Sarlem & Story, " "	265 00
L. J. Levy & Co., " "	285 27
G. Hulm, " "	196 30
B. M. Feltwell, stoves	100 00
Owen & Hammill, ranges in Tyler's house	167 50
Weaver & Volkmar, furnaces	168 00
Smith, Whipper & Co., lumber	304 40

Gatchell & Binns	$102 06
P. Rogers, locks	281 98
J. A. Gendell	66 00
Cotton & Lipp, upholstery	375 89
Printing certificates of Loan	89 12
King & Baird, printing	353 47
James Page, professional services	70 00
W. Cunnington, dedication	1,418 64
M. A. Kellogg, "	40 00
H. G. Jones, "	90 00
John Bolt, carpenter work	11 25
Joseph Hutchinson, superintendent	1,780 00
Samuel Sloan, architect	2,000 00
Insurance	2,363 29
Wm. J. Horstmann, damages	100 64
	$183,328 03

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts.

From First Loan	$110,000 00
" Second "	41,000 00
" Loan purchased by Grand Lodge, subsequently converted into cash by the Committee of Finance..	110,000 00
" Grand Lodge Funds at sundry times	36,931 87
" Interest from stocks before sale	931 67
	$198,863 54

Payments.

Erecting new Hall	$183,328 03
To Trustees of old Charity Fund to pay off the old debt..	10,112 61
*Loss on sales of Stock	3,422 00
Loan remaining on hand	2,000 00
	$198,863 54

* $110,000 00	$1,693 00
41,000 00	1,029 90
10,000 00	700 00
	$3,422 90

On motion duly made and seconded, the following named Brethren were admitted as visitors during the evening: Bro. Wm. L. Mitchell, No. 51; Richard Brown, No. 72; D. R. Ashton, No. 72; Geo. W. Eyre, No. 91; John A. Darling, No. 121; John Dickerson, No. 130; Lewis Augustine, No. 130; Sylvanus G. Bennett, No. 144; David Van Beil,

Cyrus Horne, No. 155; John Q. A. Ziegler, Daniel D. Jones, No. 158; Jacob H. Filson, L. Levering Davis, Sam'l H. Wallace, No. 186; Wm. F. Wagenseller, No. 194; G. C. Knettle, J. A. Hunerich, No. 197; Henry Coulter, Wm. Deal, No. 211; Edw. C. Cowden, No. 243; John D. Williamson, Alex. McCallum, No. 271; Rob't. McCoy, B. F. Norris, No. 97, Maryland.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at ½ past 10 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 7, 1857, A. L. 5857.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Communication, held in the Hall.

Present: Bro. PETER WILLIAMSON, R. W. G. M. Bro. John K. Mitchell, R. W. D. G. M. Bro. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. S. G. Warden. Bro. John Thomson, R. W. J. G. Warden. Bro. James Shields, R. W. G. Treas. Bro. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty. Bro. George H. Ashton, D. G. Secty. Bro. Joseph S. Riley, S. G. Deacon. Bro. David C. Skerritt, J. G. Deacon. Bro. James B. Chandler, G. Marshal. Bro. Washn. L. Bladin, G. S. Bearer. Bros. Fredk. Lennig and John L. Young, G. Stewards. Bro. Horace L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant. Bros. Saml. H. Perkins, William Whitney, and James Hutchinson, P. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Tallman, Mosely. No. 3, English, Skerrett, Ashton, Thomson. No. 9, Dorsey, McKay. No. 19, Wilson, Adair, Thornley, Park, Wright, Murphy. No. 25, Scott. No. 45, Adair. No. 51, Thomson. No. 52, Wilson. No. 59, Adams, Latimer, Simpson. No. 62, Bellemere. No. 67, Hutchinson, Reese. No. 71, Levering, Bambery, Schnider. No. 72, Potter, Phillips, Thompson, Williams, Ashton. No. 81, Snyder. No. 91, Connelly, Hinchman, Perkins. No. 114, Hammitt, Stevenson. No. 115, McCloud, Heimberger, Heylin, Fulmer. No. 121, Mitchell, Lennig, Peterson, Hull. No. 125, Mickle. No. 130, Riley, Young, Chandler, Giller. No. 131, Alkins. No. 134, Roney, Williamson. No. 155, Woodbury, Collins, Allen. No. 158, Wills, Shields, Funk. No. 186, Little, Scattergood, Begley, Marple. No. 187, Purvis. No. 190, Brown. No. 211, Peall. No. 227, Stout. No. 246, Jones. No. 289, Davis.

Proxies: Peter Williamson, John K. Mitchell, Henry M. Phillips, Jas. Shields, Wm. H. Adams, David C. Skerrett, William English, William Whitney, H. L. Peterson, Jas. Hutchinson, John Thornley.

Forty-one Lodges represented. Thirty by members and eleven by proxy.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at ¼ past 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly communication held June 1st, 1857, A. L. 5857, were read and adopted.

The Minutes of the Extra Communication held June 15th, 1857, A. L. 5857, were read, when Bro. P. Grand Master William Whitney moved to alter the Minutes to read 3000 copies (in the order to print

Ahiman Rezon) which was not agreed to. The minutes as read were then adopted.

On motion of Bro. Heimberger it was *Resolved*, that one thousand extra copies of the Ahiman Rezon in addition to the two thousand ordered at the last communication.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 9. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 131. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 138, submitting a slight alteration to their By-laws. Which was on motion approved.

A communication from Lodge No. 138 was read asking a change of night of meeting from Wednesday before to Wednesday after full Moon. Which was agreed to.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 164. On motion the foregoing was referred to the Committee on Landmarks, with a view to establish some rule in such cases.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 211. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication from Bro. —— —— was read, asking to be put in good Masonic standing. He having been expelled from Lodge No. 201, formerly held at Mauch Chunk, for the non-payment of $9.75, said sum having been paid to the Grand Lodge July 3d, 1857, and receipted for by the Grand Secretary. On motion the following resolution was adopted, viz: *Resolved*, that —— —— be restored to good standing as a Mason and permission is hereby given him to make application for Membership to any Lodge which may feel disposed to receive him into Membership.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 227, petitioning that —— —— be placed on the same footing that he stood upon prior to his rejection by Chandler Lodge. The Grand Lodge hesitated receiving it in this shape. When the D. D. G. Master, Bro. David E. Stout replied that all the Lodge required was that permission be given to hold another ballot in the case. With this understanding the Grand Lodge gave permission to take another ballot provided all the Members were properly notified. This was adopted.

An application was read from Lodge No. 255, to take another ballot in the cases of —— —— and —— ——, applicants to said Lodge for Initiation and Membership who had been rejected. On motion permission was given to take another ballot in each case, provided the Brethren were duly notified.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 287, which was on motion ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 55, Franklin, Ohio, cautioning the Brethren against a —— —— who they represented as an impostor and was going to Philada., where he made his boasts that he could be admitted. Ordered to be noted and filed.

A communication was read from Bro. —— —— setting forth that

he had been expelled from Lodge No. 134 and thinking he had been harshly dealt with asked the Grand Lodge to investigate the matter. On motion it was agreed that the foregoing be referred to a Special Committee. The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers Wm. Shippen, Jr., William Curtis and Geo. P. Little on said Committee.

The following communication was read and on motion duly made and seconded, the prayer of the petitioner was granted, to wit:

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of the State of Penna. and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging.

BRETHREN, The undersigned Master Mason and Member of Montgomery Lodge, No. 19, respectfully calls the attention of the Grand Lodge to the following facts, to wit: On Thursday evening, Aug. 6, 1857, when the name of Brother —— —— was balloted for, for Membership, I cast a black or negative ball. The Junior Warden pronounced them all white and in favor of the candidate. At that moment I arose and stated that I had voted a black ball and when the Worshipful Master made the same announcement, I reasserted that the ball I cast was black. I respectfully ask that a Committee may be appointed to investigate the whole matter; that I, a Master Mason and Member of Montgomery Lodge, No. 19, may have my just rights, and hold myself responsible to prove what I here state.

Respectfully and fraternally,

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PHILAD., Sept. 5, 1857.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers P. G. M., Bro. Peter Fritz, George H. Hart and Phillip R. Howard as said Committee.

The R. W. Grand Master called for reports of standing committees, when the following report of the Committee on Landmarks was read and approved and the resolutions attached thereto were adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on Landmarks to whom was referred the communication of Lodge No. 71, respecting the case of Bro. —— ——, respectfully report, that it was in evidence before them that Bro. —— received the degree of an Entered Apprentice Mason in Lodge No. 71 in this city on the 25th of March last. That a few days afterwards being on a visit to Wilmington, in the State of Delaware. Bro. —— visited Lafayette Lodge, No. 14, of that place. While there, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master of the State of Delaware, in the absence of the R. W. Grand Master, was about to Enter, Pass and Raise one or more acquaintances of Bro. ——, and that he was invited to be passed and Raised with them. He accepted the invitation and the R. W. Deputy Grand Master conferred upon Bro. ——, in due form

the degrees of Fellow Craft and Master Mason. The Committee are of opinion that however inexpedient or improper may have been the exercise of his prerogative in this instance; yet that the R. W. Deputy Grand Master of the State of Delaware did not transcend his powers, and that Bro. —— —— has been regularly Entered, Passed and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, and that Lodge No. 71 will violate no rule of Masonry in receiving him as such. While your Committee are satisfied that in this case there was no intentional discourtesy towards a sister Grand Lodge; and that Bro. —— is every way worthy of the degrees conferred upon him, yet they cannot too strongly protest against any Grand or subordinate Lodge, or Grand Officer, under ordinary circumstances receiving into the order those who reside within the Jurisdiction of another Grand or subordinate Lodge. Your committee therefore offer the following resolutions: *Resolved*, that Brother —— —— is a regular Master Mason and may be received and recognized as such by Lodge No. 71 and all other Lodges under this jurisdiction. *Resolved*, that a certified copy of this report, under the seal of this R. W. Grand Lodge be transmitted to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Delaware.

By order of the Committee.

SAMUEL H. PERKINS, *Chairman.*

The Committee of Finance made the following report, which was read and ordered to be filed.

The Finance Committee beg leave to report, that during the present year they have at different times examined the accounts and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer, and of the Hall Committee and also of the Grand Secretary for interest paid on the Grand Lodge Loans; all of which are believed to be correct and satisfactory and as showing great zeal and attention to the several interests of the Grand Lodge. The Members will be gratified to learn from the accounts submitted that besides paying all the regular expenses of the Grand Lodge there has been appropriated over $9000 during the first six months of the current year towards the redemption of the Masonic Loans. The receipts and expenditures from the 1st of January to the 1st of July have been as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1857	$1,993 87
Received from Lodges, Chapters, &c., &c	13,403 90
" " D. D. G. Masters, Warrants and Dispensations	2,446 70
Rents of stores	4,256 96
Lodges for procession regalia	1,087 56
	$23,188 99

PAYMENTS.

Interest on Grand Lodge Loans	$4,530 00
Taxes	1,601 75
Orders of the Hall Committee	1,919 26
" " Grand Master	617 32
Salary and expenditures of Grand Secty	761 80
Salary, &c., of Grand Tyler	102 00
Grand Lodge Expenses	315 75
Grand Lodge Charity Fund	360 00
Insurance	160 50
Warrants returned	161 20
Gustavus Remak, for professional services	10 00
Paid Trustees of Masonic Loan to be applied to the purchase of the Loans	9,060 50
	$19,600 08
Leaving a balance on hand July 1, 1857, of	$3,588 91

All of which is respectfully submitted by

WM. WHITNEY, GEO. W. HUFTY, FRANCIS BLACKBURNE,
Finance Committee.

PHILADA., Sept. 7, 1857.

The Trustees and Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund made no report.

The Committee on Correspondence being called, two of the members, in the absence of the Chairman, stated that the Committee had no report to make.

Committee on By-laws. The Grand Secretary reported that there was no matter before the Committee.

Committee on Printing and Publishing made no report.

Committee on Appeals made no report.

Hall Committee made no report.

Trustees of the Girard Bequest. The Chairman made the following report which was read and the resolution attached thereto adopted:

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging.

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest respectfully report, that they have received since the last report from interest and dividends or investments the sum of $2,271 00

Intrest accrued on deposits in the Pennsylvania Company for Insurance on Lives, &c. 60 39

$2,331 39

To which add balance in the Pennsylvania Company for Insurance on Lives, &c., as per last report 843 04

Makes a total of $3,174 43

Of the above sum the Trustees have paid on orders of the R. W. Grand Master for the use of the Committee of Charity	$2,000 00
Balance	$1,174 43

Leaving a balance to the credit of the Trustees in the Pennsylvania Company for Insurance on Lives, &c., of $1,174.43.

No change has been made in the investments of the Bequest since the last report and are as follows, to wit:

Certificate No. 3222 City 6's of 1890	$1,000 00
Certificates Nos. 1 and 2 Masonic Loan of 1853, $25 0each	500 00
Certificates from Nos. 125 to 176, inclusive, 52 certificates of $500 each	26,000 00
Certificate No. 177 of $400	400 00
Certificates from No. 229 to 248, inclusive, 20 certificates of $500 each	10,000 00
	$37,900 00

The above satisfactory state of the funds is owing to judicious investments and not to any diminution of our charities, for our appropriations have for years exceeded by $200 per annum the interest on the original $30,000. The Trustees have the satisfaction of again recommending an appropriation of $2000 to the charitable purposes of the Bequest during the year ending June 1, 1858. They therefore submit the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, that the sum of two thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the use of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund for the year ending June 1, 1858, to be drawn for in the usual manner.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL H. PERKINS, JACOB STEINER, GEO. P. LITTLE.

JUNE 22, 1857.

The R. W. Grand Master then called for reports from Special Committees. The Chairman of the Committee on the Ahiman Rezon submitted the following report which was received, as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on the Ahiman Rezon, who by resolution of the Grand Lodge adopted at the Extra Grand Communication in June last were directed to have published the new Constitution or Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Penna. beg leave to report, that they have attended to the duty assigned them and have procured the printing of three thousand copies of said book which was done by Bro. James B. Chandler. One thousand copies of which your Committee have had bound in a plain and neat manner and

the same are now placed in the Grand Master's Room ready for distribution in such manner as the Grand Lodge may deem proper to direct. The printing has been done in good plain type and on good paper at a cost of about 17½ cents and for the binding 19½ cents per copy, which will make the cost of the book when bound a little under 40c. each. As it is important that every subordinate Lodge should at an early day be in possession of the new Ahiman Rezon, yuor Committee would recommend that four copies be furnished without charge for the same to each subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction for the use of the officers and members thereof; and that the price of the remainder of the bound copies be fixed at 50 cents each and for those in sheets at 25 cents each, to such of the Brethren or others as may be desirous of purchasing the book. These prices are deemed by your Committee low enough, as they will not be more than sufficient to defray the expense of publishing even if there should be a demand for the greater portion of the copies published. Your Committee do not submit any resolutions, preferring to leave it to the wisdom of the Grand Lodge to consider and adopt such as may be offered by others for the purpose of carrying out the recommendations contained in this brief report, or to adopt any other course which may seem to them best.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.

WM. WHITNEY, *Chairman.*

PHILAD., Sept. 7, 1857.

Bro. Joseph S. Riley then offered the following preamble and resolution which were adopted. WHEREAS, this Grand Lodge has at great mental and manual labor and expense just published a new and beautiful edition of the Ahiman Rezon and in order that the same may be turned to good account, viz: that the enactments, usages and ceremonies therein contained, may be duly observed and obeyed therefore be it *Resolved*, that each Lodge under our Jurisdiction be furnished with a copy bound, each, for the W. Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer and Secretary, and two additional copies for the general use of its Members; and that the remainder of this edition be sold to members of the craft at 50 cents per copy bound, and 25 cents unbound.

On motion of P. Grand Master, Bro. Wm. Whitney the following resolutions were adopted: *Resolved*, that the R. W. Grand Master in conjunction with the other Grand officers of the Grand Lodge be a Committee to procure collars with appropriate jewels for the use of the District Deputy Grand Masters. Also *Resolved*, that the same Committee be authorized to procure the engraving and printing of a sufficient number of copies of the form of a "Grand Lodge Certificate for Brethren made by Dispensation" both being in accordance with the requirement of the Ahiman Rezon.

The following report was read:

To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee to whom were referred the proceedings and action of Lodge No. 3, in relation to Bro. —— —— beg leave to report that a number of meetings have been held and the various papers submitted to them examined and they expected to have made a final report at the September Quarterly Grand Communication. But Bro. —— waited upon the Committee a few days since and stated that he thought that in a short time he would be able to present to them some facts which would influence their decision. The Committee therefore feeling it to be a Masonic duty to give to every accused party the fullest opportunity of vindicating his character, assented to his request.

They therefore report progress and respectfully ask to be continued.

EDMOND BARRINGTON, JOSHUA SPERING, WASH. L. BLADEN.

PHILAD., Sept. 7, 1857, A. L. 5857.

Bro. English moved that the Committee be discharged so far as relates to Lodge No. 3. This motion elicited considerable discussion when at the suggestion of the R. W. Senior G. Warden the whole subject was postponed, one of the Committee having pledged himself that a final report should be presented at next Quarterly Grand Communication.

Reports were called from the several Committees on the cases of Bro. —— —— and Bro. Notman and on the portraits of Past Grand Masters; but no report was ready from either Committee.

On motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted: *Resolved*, that the R. W. Grand Master be and he is hereby authorized to draw his warrant on the Grand Treasurer in favor of the Trustees of the Masonic Loans for the amount of Interest falling due on the first day of October next, on the $41,000 Loan.

An application for a new Lodge to be held at West Chester, in Chester County was read and referred to R. W. Grand Officers with power to act.

Bro. Joseph S. Riley offered the following resolution which was read.

Resolved, that every resolution passed by this Grand Lodge having future bearing shall be printed and appended to the annual published proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

On motion duly made and seconded the following named Brethren were admitted as visitors during the evening: Bros. Thos. E. English, No. 3; Wm. W. Stevens, Geo. Grant, Jesse R. Ball, No. 19; Cyrus S. Haldeman, No. 43; John Hanold, No. 52; Jas. W. Woolridge, No. 71; Geo. H. Ladly, No. 115; F. B. Warner, No. 121; John Joyce, Geo. W. Summers, No. 130; James Dykes, Peter Bechtel, No. 135; Sylvanus G. Bennett, No. 144; Francis Funk, No. 158; Casper Maisel, Aug. Engstrom, L. Levering Davis, No. ; Cyprien Chabat, No. 186; Frank-

lin F. Boyer, E. G. Knoske, No. 227; Michael Ullman, No. 246; Jonathan W. Harley, No. 271; Robert McCrory, No. 295; H. J. Burns, No. 79, Maine; Geo. Fisher, No. 1, Texas.

No further business presenting itself the Grand Lodge closed in peace at 10½ o'clock P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7, 1857, A. L. 5857.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Communication, held in the Hall, Chestnut Street.

Present: Bro. PETER WILLIAMSON, R. W. G. M. Bro. John K. Mitchell, R. W. D. G. M. Bro. John Thomson, R. W. S. G. W. Bro. Richard Vaux, R. W. J. G. W. Bro. James Shields, R. W. G. Treas. Bro. Wm. H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty. Bro. Geo. H. Ashton, D. G. Secty. Bro. Wm. English, S. G. Deacon. Bro. Joseph T. Thomas, J. G. Deacon. Bro. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. Bro. John L. Goddard, G. S. Bearer. Bros. J. L. Hutchinson and A. J. Swartz, G. Stewards. Bro. H. L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant. Bro. John Chambers, G. Chaplain. Bros. Wm. Whitney, Josiah Randall, A. Bournonville, Wm. Barger, Jas. Hutchinson, James Page, Saml. H. Perkins, and Peter Fritz, P. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Blackburne, Mosely, Wiler, Gumpel, Grout, Tallman, Thomas, Graham, Burden, Maguire, Blackburne. No. 3, Padmore, Maguire, Carter, Bilger, Carlin, Taylor, Sites, Leddy, Martin, Colladay, Robinson, King, Helverson, Webb, Thomson, English, Skerrett, Brewer. No. 9, Mackay, Kelly, Leach, Wright, Dorsey, Booth, Brothers. No. 19, Master, Cook, Park, Hodges, Childs, Thornley, Griscom, Murphy, Caskey, Bishop, Hines, Randall, Cummings, Wilson, Thomas, Wright. No. 21, Lamberton, Jordan. No. 22, Donnell, Welker. No. 25, Stackhouse, Scott, Keim, Dungan, M'Brien, Knight, Dorrance, Riche, Kinsey, Benezet. No. 43, Atlee, McCalla, Kaufman, Howell, Springer. No. 45, Adair, Noble, Cooper, Hoon. No. 51, Shippen, Johnston, Fisher, Whitney, Bouvier, Allen, Workman, Howell, Evans, Thomson, Weir. No. 52, Wilson, Pearson, Smith, Wilson, Jr., Simons, Ramsey, Day. No. 59, Kneass, Adams, Sinexon, J. L. and G. L. Taylor, Macpherson, Campbell, Davenport. No. 61, Harvey. No. 62, Hiester, Henny, Bellemere, Hawman, Muckle, Ritter. No. 67, Griffiths, J. C. Smith, Van Osten, Wagner, Reese, Hemphill, Montgomery, Deklyne, Conrad, Squibb, Baugh, Weeks, Bolt, Pollard, Hutchinson, Loudenslager, Field, Bispham, Jos. Hutchinson. No. 72, Clinton, Potter, Moore, Barger, Chase, Thompson, Ashton, Williams, Kelley, Connell, McGrath, Brown, O'Harra, Spering, West. No. 75, Jenkins, Whitaker, Dobson, McVeagh, Vanderslice, Broomall, Quick, Nichols. No. 81, Miles, Fulton, Culp, Wentz, Snyder, J. Dickinson, H. Dickinson. No. 91, Brown, S. and W. Badger, S. H. and S. C. Perkins, Femington, Mallery, Jr., Leidy, Barry, Connolly. No. 108, Bull. No. 114, Keim, Boyd, Thomson, Huddell, Baxter, Thompson,

Stevenson, Hamill, Spackman. No. 115, Fulmer, Schaffer, Beenken, Black, Parker, Heimberger, Humes, Schultz, Hibbs, Suplee, Heylin, Wallis. No. 121, A. Smith, Lennig, Peterson, Mitchell, Campbell, Young, Mott, Keyser, Levistein, Hall, Fraser, Flanigan, Vaux. No. 125, Maag, Wollenweber, Bournonville, Kohn, Peeler, Remak, Ziegler, Muckle, Batzeg, Steiner, Scheide, Ketterlinus. No. 126, Page, Simpson, Smith, Wortham, Mullen, Jackson, Harper, Nisbet, Moore. No. 130, Watson, Stokes, Easby, Giller, Strickland, Logue, Kirkpatrick, Chandler, Piper, Riley, Brown, Gilbert, Lescure, Young. No. 131, Miller, Moore, Alkins, Penrose, Harmer. No. 134, Jackson, Butler, Booth, Ogden, Becker, Roney, Stocker, Williams, Robins, Dusenbury, King, Murphy, Goddard. No. 135, Ramsdell, Evans, Mullen, Hyneman, M'Gregor, M'Cully, White, Ledyard. No. 144, Fink. No. 152, Yates, Green, Thomas, Lyons, Porter. No. 155, Ruan, Woodbury, Martin, Allen, Waters, Fritz, Gowie, Glenn, Curtis, Bacon, Helan, Laws, W. Allen, Miller. No. 156, Tomlinson, Watson. No. 158, Wills, Jones, Ewing, Read, Hamilton, Oliver, Reneker, Sinn, Shields. No. 186, Barrington, Gihon, Hufty, Lewis, Gaskill, Begley, Boswell, Smith, Little, Marple, O'Farrell, Horner, Brown, Scattergood. No. 187, Russell, Albertson, Wilkinson, Parsons, Hann, Loeser, Purves, M'Cann, Zimmerman, Simpson. No. 190, Cornman, Brown, Johnson, McMiller, Zimmerman, German, Kite, Richards. No. 197, Porter, Livingston. No. 199, Quiggle. No. 203, Ritchey. No. 211, McCully, Jones, Wright, Peall, Davidson, Dorlan, Bender, Cartwright, Page, Lee. No. 216, Little, Whitney, Richards, Cake. No. 218, Turner. No. 220, Dobyne. No. 221, Bailey. No. 222, Robbins. No. 223, Slack. No. 224, Strawbridge, Richardson, Bondman, Donaldson. No. 227, Diehl, Schwartz, Lowe, McClain, Stout, McLean, Mulholland. No. 230, Taylor, Wallace. No. 233, Ensign. No. 236, Larkin, Wilkie, Cliff, Baker. No. 238, McCabe, Huhn, Rinehart. No. 240, Park. No. 242, Wolf, Otis, Huston, Skeen, Lilly. No. 243, Perkins. No. 244, Brown. No. 245, Carr. No. 246, Hyneman, Small, Wildey, Sager, Randall. No. 250, Irvine. No. 251, Mehard. No. 253, Roberts. No. 254, Tippen. No. 255, Robbins, Marshall. No. 258, Bond. No. 259, Stanton. No. 262, Godfrey. No. 263, Edwards. No. 265, Knapp. No. 267, McClary. No. 268, Armer. No. 270, Zuliz, Koehler. No. 271, Mayer, Slemmer, Reinstine. No. 274, J. L. and W. B. Goddard, Horner, Sears, Pedrick, Letford. No. 276, Brady. No. 277, Brown. No. 282, Gardner. No. 283, Wetherill. No. 284, McIntyre. No. 289, Selkirk, Gwyn, Phillips, Davis. No. 291, Marsh, Oakford. No. 292, Murphy. No. 294, Lewis. No. 295, Yerkes, Gilpin, Harpur, Elliott, Coleman. No. 296, Griffiths. No. 298, Manley, Beatty. No. 301, Smith. No. 305, Stewart. No. 307, Smith, Shonour. No. 308, Martin.

Proxies: A. Bournonville, No. 60; Geo. H. Bull, No. 70; W. Thomson, No. 106; W. H. Adams, No. 138; Wm. English, No. 143; W. L. Bladen, No. 153; Jas. Simpson, No. 163; Robt. P. King, No. 194; Jas. Henderson, No. 231; J. L. Hutchinson, No. 232; J. Steiner, No. 234; Wm. Barger, No. 237; Geo. Thomson, No. 241; R. S. Wilson, No. 248;

Geo. H. Oliver, No. 254; James Shields, No. 260; Benj. F. Dusenberry, No. 261; R. R. Roberts, No. 269; Geo. W. Hufty, No. 281; Jacob Loudenslager, No. 285; Richard Vaux, No. 286; James Herdman, No. 288; Wm. Barger, No. 299; John K. Mitchell, No. 299; James Shields, No. 208; George H. Ashton, No. 312.

The following Lodges were represented by jewels, the certificates of which were read by the Grand Secretary and approved: No. 21, Bro. Thos. J. Jordan, for S. W. No. 22, H. Donald, for S. W., and Geo. C. Welker, for W. M. and J. W. No. 43, J. J. Sprenger, for S. W. No. 45, Wm. Noble, for S. W. No. 61, E. B. Harvey, for S. W. and J. W. No. 71, D. Golden, for W. M. No. 108, G. H. Bull, for W. M., S. W., and J. W. No. 135, Thos. McCully, for J. W. No. 144, R. A. Fink, for S. W. and J. W. No. 152, H. Thomas, for J. W. No. 156, E. T. Tomlinson, for J. W. No. 164, A. Creigh, for W. M., S. W., and J. W. No. 190, W. Richards, for J. W.; C. L. Corman, for S. W. No. 197, W. W. Porter, for S. W. and J. W. No. 199, J. W. Quiggle, for S. W. and J. W. No. 203, W. Ritchey, for W. M., S. W., and J. W. No. 216, L. F. Whitney, for W. M., S. W., and J. W. No. 218, W. Turner, for S. W. and J. W. No. 219, Thos. Davage, for W. M., S. W., and J. W. No. 220, S. W. Dobyne, for S. W. and J. W. No. 221, J. H. Bailey, for S. W. and J. W. No. 222, W. N. Robbins, for W. M., S. W., and J. W. No. 223, A. Slack, for S. W. and J. W. No. 222, J. D. Strawbridge, for W. M., S. W., and J. W. No. 233, L. B. Ensign, for W. M., S. W., and J. W. No. 238, H. Huhn, for J. W. No. 240, E. S. Park, for W. M., S. W., and J. W. No 242, W. R. Otis, for S. W. No. 243, C. Perkins, for S. W. and J. W. No. 244, R. E. Brown, for W. M., S. W., and J. W. No. 250, J. M. Irvine, for W. M.., S. W., and J. W. No. 251, S. S. Mehand, for W. M., S. W., and J. W. No. 253, R. B. Roberts, for W. M., S. W., and J. W. No. 255, W. H. Marshall. No. 258, A. Bond, for W. M., S. M., and J. W. No. 259, D. Stanton, for S. W. and J. W. No. 265, C. F. Knapp, for W. M., S. W., and J. W. No. 268, Jas. Arner, for W. M. No. 271, J. Mayer, for W. M. No. 270, T. C. Zulick, for W. M., S. W., and J. W. No. 276, E. R. Brady, for S. W. and J. W. No. 277, J. P. Brown, for W. M., S. W., and J. W. No. 282, E. H. Gardner, for J. W. No. 287, Jas. Herdman, for W. M., S. W., and J. W. No. 294, Lewis, for W. M., S. W., and J. W. No. 291, Oakford, for J. W. No. 301, W. W. Smith, for S. W. and J. W. No. 305, W. L. Stewart, for S. W. and J. W.

One hundred and nineteen Lodges represented, ninety-one by members and twenty-eight by proxy.

Present, the following District Deputy Grand Masters: Bros. C. M. Howell, G. H. McCabe, D. E. Stout, J. M. Porter, G. C. Welker, Jas. Armer, R. A. Lamberton, Geo. H. Bull, N. F. Marsh, A. Bond.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at 6½ o'clock, P. M.

The R. W. Grand Master made the following address:

BRETHREN, this being the evening designated by our Rules and Regulations for holding the annual election for Officers, we will now

proceed to the discharge of this duty; previous to which, the several Committees and other bodies who are prepared will lay their reports on the Secretary's desk to be taken up at a subsequent meeting to be called at an early period when those reports not prepared at present will also be received and acted upon at the same time. In order to afford ample time for this important object, the reading of the Minutes will be dispensed with. Before proceeding to the election, Brethren, allow me to thank you most abundantly for the many honors you have conferred upon me, and most respectfully to decline being considered a candidate for any office.

Reports were received from the Committees on Portraits of Past Grand Masters and on the appeal of —— —— from the action of Lodge No. 3 and laid on the table.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 60, appointing Bro. A. Bournonville, Proxy of said Lodge.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 143, appointing Bro. Wm. English, Proxy of said Lodge.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 231, appointing Bro. James Herdman, Proxy of said Lodge.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 249, appointing Bro. Wm. Barger, Proxy of said Lodge.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 260, appointing Bro. Jas. Shields, Proxy of said Lodge.

A communication was received from Lodge No. 269, appointing Bro. R. B. Roberts, Proxy of said Lodge.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 272, appointing Bro. James Shields, Proxy of said Lodge.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 285, appointing Bro. Jacob Loudenslager, Proxy for said Lodge.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 288, appointing Bro. James Herdman, Proxy of said Lodge.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 299, appointing Bro. John K. Mitchell, Proxy of said Lodge.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 302, appointing Bro. James Shields, Proxy of said Lodge.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 306, appointing Bro. Geo. H. Bull, Proxy of said Lodge.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 312, appointing Bro. Geo. H. Ashton, Proxy of said Lodge.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 70, appointing Bro. Geo. H. Bull, Proxy of said Lodge.

On motion duly made and seconded, the foregoing communications were ordered to be filed and said Brethren acknowledged as proxies.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed the following named Brethren tellers:

For votes by Members, P. G. M., Bro. Whitney, Bro. Marsh, Bro. Herdman.

For votes by Proxy, P. G. M., Bro. Barger, Bro. Howell, Bro. Lescure.

For votes by Jewels, P. G. M., Bro. Bournonville, Bro. Stout, Bro. Yates.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to a ballot. After report of the Tellers the R. W. Grand Master announced the following Brethren elected to their respective offices for the ensuing Masonic year: Bros. John K. Mitchell, R. W. G. Master; Henry M. Phillips, R. W. D. G. Master; John Thomson, R. W. S. G. Warden; David C. Skerrett, R. W. J. G. Warden; Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treasurer. In place of Bro. Jas. Shields who positively declined a re-election, Bro. Wm. H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary.

Trustees of the Girard Bequest: Bros. Saml. H. Perkins, A. Bournonville, Jas. Hutchinson, Jacob Steiner, David Boyd.

Trustees of the New Masonic Loans: Bros. Wm. Barger, Philip R. Howard, Wm. English, James Shields, Fredk. Lennig.

Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund: Bros. James Gwyn, Wm. English, Peter Fritz, W. Heimberger, J. Wilson, Sr.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at 1 o'clock, A. M., to meet on the third Monday of this month.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8, 1857, A. L. 5857.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

A meeting for the purpose of instructing the Brethren on Masonic work and duty, was held at the Hall, Chestnut St.

Present: Bro. PETER WILLIAMSON, R. W. G. M. Bro. E. P. Lescure, S. G. W. Bro. C. M. Howell, J. G. W. Bro. James Shields, G. Treas. Bro. Wm. H. Adams, G. Secty. Bro. Geo. H. Ashton, D. G. Secty. Bro. Geo. H. McCabe, S. G. Deacon. Bro. Edw. Strickland, J. G. Deacon. Bro. John L. Young, G. Marshal. Bro. M. Cartwright, G. S. Bearer. Bro. Joseph T. Thomas, G. Steward. Bro. H. L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant. Bro. Wm. Whitney, P. G. Master. Bro. Wm. H. Rees, G. Chaplain. Bros. R. A. Lamberton, Geo. McCabe, Chas. M. Howell, Geo. H. Bull, James Armer, and Geo. C. Welker, D. D. G. Masters.

A number of visiting Brethren were present.

Communication opened at 10 o'clock, A M. Closed at 1½ o'clock P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21, 1857, A. L. 5857.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Extra Quarterly Communication, held at the Hall, Chestnut Street.

Present: Bro. PETER WILLIAMSON, R. W. G. M. Bro. John K. Mitchell, R. W. D. G. M. Bro. John Thomson, R. W. S. G. Warden. Bro. Wm. English, R. W. J. G. Warden. Bro. James Shields, R. W. G. Treas. Bro. Wm. H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty. Bro. Geo. H. Ashton, D. G. Secty. Bro. Joseph T. Thomas, S. G. Deacon. Bro. David C.

Skerrett, J. G. Deacon. Bro. Horace L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant. Bros. John H. Weir and Albert R. Foering, G. Stewards. Bro. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. Bro. Adam Maag, G. S. Bearer. Bro. John Chambers, G. Chaplain. Bros. Wm. Whitney, Peter Fritz and James Page, P. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 3, King, Brewer, English, Padmore, Skerrett, Thomson, Carter, Thomson. No. 9, Wright, Thorpe, Kelly, Mackay, Leach. No. 19, Griscom, Cook, Cooper, Cummings, Murphy, Thomas. No. 25, Scott, Benezet. No. 51, Allen, Workman, Thomson, Whitney, Weir. No. 52, Hoopes, Ramsey, Day, Wilson. No. 59, Macpherson, Taylor, Sinexon, Adams, G. L. Taylor. No. 67, Griffith, Smith, Squibb, Bolt, Reese, Loudenslager. No. 71, Frishmuth, Bladen. No. 72, Williams, Thompson, Ashton, Potter. No. 91, Perkins. No. 114, Stevenson, Hamill, Clark. No. 115, Heylin, Suplee. No. 121, Le Brun, Mitchell, Peterson. No. 125, Steiner, Maag. No. 126, Page, Moore. No. 130, Sleeper, Kirkpatrick, Chandler, Lescure, Young, Giller, Strickland. No. 131, Penrose. No. 134, Roney, Jackson, Williamson, Becker. No. 155, Fritz, Waters, Martin, Woodbury, Ruan. No. 158, Wetherby, Mills, Jones, Shields, Reneker. No. 186, Scattergood. No. 187, Zimmerman, Russell, Purves, Parsons, Albertson. No. 211, Cartwright. No. 245, Carr. No. 246, Jones, Wildey. No. 274, Sears. No. 289, Davis, Phillips. No. 295, Harpur, Elliott, Gilpin, Yerkes. No. 296, Griffith. No. 299, Ellis. No. 308, Martin.

Proxies: W. H. Adams, 138, 282, and 251; Wm. English, 143 and 265; Wm. Bladen, 153; P. Williamson, 156; E. Strickland, 227; Jacob Steiner, 234; G. P. Cummings, 244; Geo. Thomson, 241; Jas. Shields, 272 and 302; Geo. H. Ashton, 275, 279, and 312; H. L. Peterson, 284; J. Loudenslager, 285.

Thirty-two Lodges represented by members and twenty by proxy, in all, fifty-two.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 6 o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communications held Sept. 7, and Dec. 7, 1857, were read and adopted.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 52, which was on motion ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 67, setting forth the rejection of —— ——, which was on motion ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 75, asking permission to take another ballot on —— ——, which on motion was granted.

Communications were read from Lodges Nos. 115, 126, 130, 135, 186, and 271. On motion ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 158, asking permission to take a new ballot on the application of —— ——, which on motion was granted.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 216, at Pottsville, asking a remission of Grand Lodge dues, which was on motion referred to the Committee of Finance with power to act.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 219, at Pittsburgh, asking this Grand Lodge to confirm the action of said Lodge in having raised a Brother —— out of the regular time. On motion confirmation was granted with a reprimand to the Lodge.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 273, setting forth that said Lodge had decided to remove their place of meeting from Morgan's Corner, Delaware County, to Athens Institute Hall, in Montgomery Co. On motion ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 275, appointing Bro. Geo. H. Ashton, Proxy of said Lodge, which was on motion ordered to be entered and filed and Proxy acknowledged.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 279, appointing Bro. Geo. H. Ashton, Proxy of said Lodge, which was on motion ordered to be entered and filed and Proxy acknowledged.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 282, appointing Bro. Wm. H. Adams, Proxy of said Lodge. On motion ordered to be entered and filed and Proxy acknowledged.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 287. On motion ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 295, dated Oct. 6, 1857, setting forth the suspension of —— —— for unmasonic conduct; also a communication from said Lodge dated Nov. 30, 1857, asking this Grand Lodge to remove said suspension and restore said —— —— to good standing as a Mason. An appeal from the action of Lodge No. 295 was received from Bro. —— ——, and was about being read when a portion of which being considered too personal in its character the Grand Master would not allow it to be read. Considerable discussion ensued when on motion of Bro. English the following resolution was adopted. *Resolved*, that Bro. —— —— be permitted to withdraw his petition in order to allow him to give notice to Melita Lodge, No. 295, in accordance with the Ahiman Rezon. Bro. Chas. Gilpin then offered the following resolution: *Resolved*, that —— —— be restored to good standing as a M. M. in accordance with the proceedings of Melita Lodge, No. 295. On the question being put a division was called when the G. Marshal reported 37 voting for and 30 against the resolution. Another extract from the proceedings of Lodge No. 295 was read, asking permission to take a new ballot in the case of —— —— when on motion of Bro. Gilpin the following resolution was adopted. *Resolved*, that Melita Lodge, No. 295, be authorized to take another ballot in the case of —— ——, a candidate for Initiation and Membership, provided that due notice of the ballot be given to the members.

Copies of By-laws were received from the following Lodges, viz: Nos. 135, 158, 197, 303, 311, and 312. On motion they were referred to Committee on By-laws.

An application for Warrants for new Lodges to be held at Indiana, Indiana Co.; Clearfield, in Clearfield, Co.; Shippensburg, Cumberland Co.; Franklin, Venango Co.; Wellsborough, Tioga Co.,

were read and on motion referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A communication was received from Bro. —— ——, against the action of Lodge No. 67 in relation to Bro. ——, which by permission was withdrawn.

A communication was received from the Grand Lodge of Maine in relation to a General Grand Lodge of the United States; which was on motion referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The Grand Secretary read a list of printed proceedings of the following Grand Lodges, which were on motion referred to the Committee of Correspondence:

Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, S. Carolina, N. Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, Kansas, Iowa, Indiana, Illinois, Tennessee, Wisconsin, Michigan, Oregon, California and Canada.

The following report of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund was read.

PHILAD., Dec. 21, 1857.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Penna.

The Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund respectfully submit the following report of receipts and expenses of the Fund for the year just closed, together with a statement of the present condition of the Fund, to wit:

RECEIPTS.

Interest on subscription from G. Lodge	$360 00
" " " Lodge No. 3	241 00
" " " " " 9	134 00
" " " " " 51	146 00
" " " " " 59	65 00
" " " " " 72	154 00
" " " " " 115	110 00
" " " " " 130	123 00
" " " " " 155	258 00
Interest on Masonic Loan	396 00
" " mortgage on Lot at Germantown	192 00
Donation from Girard Mark Lodge	25 00
Total receipts for the year	$2,204 00
Balance from last year	225 34
Total available means	$2,429 34

EXPENSES.

Cash paid Jas. Shields, Treas. of Board of Almoners	$1,150 00
" on deposit in Six-penny S. Fund	1,279 34
	$2,429 34

The Trustees have given an order to Bro. Philip R. Howard to purchase for the Fund $500 of the City Loan, free from all taxes, which is selling at say $92, this amount being due to investment account from subscriptions of the Lodges. When this purchase is made by Bro. Howard the condition of the Fund will be as follows, to wit:

Investment in 1st Masonic Loan	$6,350 00
" " 2d " "	500 00
" " Bond and Mortgage at Germantown	3,200 00
" " City 6 pr. ct. Loan	500 00
Cash on deposit after paying for City Loan	819 34
	$11,369 34
Less due Almoners for distribution	756 59
To which add subscriptions	$10,612 75
Due by Grand Lodge	6,000 00
Do. do. Lodge No. 2	172 00
Do. do. " " 71	158 00
Interest due on Mortgage	96 00
" " by Grand Lodge	15 00
Making a total permanent Fund	$17,053 75

It is, perhaps, the duty of the Trustees to inform the Grand Lodge that Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 51, 71 and 72 have signified their intention of withdrawing as contributors of the Fund. Should these Lodges persist in the intention thus manifested there will be only seven Lodges remaining as contributors, viz: Nos. 9, 52, 59, 130, 155 and 289.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. O. E.

WM. ENGLISH, GEO. H. ASHTON, JAMES KELLY, *Trustees.*

The Committee on Landmarks made no report.

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest reported progress.

The President of the Board of Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, Bro. Peter Fritz read the following statement of the proceedings of the Board during the past year.

PHILAD., December 1, 1857.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

In compliance with the provisions of Section 4 of Article VII of the By-laws of the "Grand Lodge Charity Fund," the undersigned respectfully submits the annual report of the receipts and expenditures of the Board of Almoners for the past year. The several appropriations made by the Trustees of the "Grand Lodge Charity

Fund" for distribution by the Board of Almoners since report made in December, 1856, amount in all to the sum of.....	$1,150 00
Add to which balance in hand Dec. 1, 1856.....	194 47
	$1,344 47

The disbursements by the Board have been as follows:

On 79 applications from widows of deceased Brethren			$1,087 00	
On 15	do.	daughters of do.....	180 00	
" 1	do.	mother of do.....	15 00	
Making the whole amt. expended.....				1,282 00
Leaving a balance for distribution, to the 1st Tuesday in Jan., 1858				$62 47

The sum thus appropriated was distributed as follows, to wit:

To the widows and orphans of Lodges contributing to the Fund			$770 00
To ditto of Lodges under the jurisdiction of the G. Lodge of Pa.			250 00
To ditto of Lodges located in the U. S.....			182 00
" ditto	ditto	Ireland	35 00
" ditto	ditto	Canada	25 00
" ditto	ditto	Prussia	10 00
" ditto	ditto	England	10 00
Total amt. as above.....			$1,282 00

It will thus be seen that $770 has been distributed amongst the widows and orphans of members who belonged to Lodges contributing directly to this Fund, and $512 to other worthy applicants who were entitled to our sympathy and relief.

(Here follows a long and able report.)*

PETER FRITZ, *President.*

The following report of the Committee of Finance was read.

The Committee of Finance report that they have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer since July 1st and find them correct and as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance July 1, 1857.....	$3,588 91
Recd. from Lodges, Chapters, &c.....	1,024 75
" " D. D. G. Masters, Dispens., &c.....	528 00
" " Rents of Stores.....	2,916 66
" " Regalia, &c.	189 63
	$8,247 95

* See Appendix J, page 471.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Interest on Loans	$1,230 00	
Paid orders Hall Committee	1,797 24	
" " G. Master	455 50	
" G. Secretary, salary and expenses	387 85	
" G. Tyler " "	43 50	
" Expenses G. Lodge	73 35	
" Insurance	275 00	
" Under resolution of G. Lodge	105 89	
" For redemption of Masonic Loans	2,098 50	
		$6,466 83
Leaving balance Nov. 15, 1857		$1,781 12

All of which is submitted.

WM. WHITNEY, F. BLACKBURNE,
DANL. THOMPSON, ROBERT CLARK,
GEORGE W. HUFTY, *Committee.*

DEC. 3, 1857.

The following report of the Committee of Finance was read and approved and the resolutions attached thereto were adopted.

The Finance Committee report that agreeably to the requirements in the Ahiman Rezon they submit a statement of the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge for the past fiscal year, commencing Nov. 15, 1856, and ending Nov. 15, 1857. The Committee have examined the a/cs of the different officers entrusted with the expenditure of the funds of the Grand Lodge and believe them to be correct. The Grand Treasurer shows the following receipts and expenditures:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Nov. 15, 1856	$3,188 49	
Received from Lodges, Chapters, Encampments, &c.	16,783 55	
" " D. D. G. Masters, Warrants, Dispensations, Certificates, &c.	3,647 56	
" " Rents of stores	9,673 60	
" " Lodges for dedication regalia	1,277 19	
		$34,570 39

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid interest on Loans	$9,260 00	
" orders of Hall Committee, including taxes for 2 yrs.	7,637 28	
" orders of G. Master	1,256 82	
" Salary and expenses of G. Secty	1,536 15	
" " " G. Treasurer	53 98	
" " " G. Tyler	145 50	
Promiscuous expenses of G. Lodge	783 84	
G. Lodge Almoners Fund	360 00	

Insurance	$435 50	
Warrants returned	161 20	
Paid on a/c Masonic Loans	11,159 00	
		32,789 27
Leaving balance in hands of Treasurer, Nov. 15, of..		$1,781 12

The members will no doubt observe with pleasure that upwards of $11,000 has this year been appropriated to the purchase of the Masonic Loans, and the financial position of the Grand Lodge is such as to give positive evidence of the fact that but few years will elapse before the Grand Lodge is entirely free from debt. There is however one subject that this Committee has repeatedly called to the attention of the Grand Lodge, and that is the delinquent dues of the subordinate Lodges. The back dues previous to 1857 have reached a very large amount, and your Committee believe that if proper means were taken to collect the same, the greater portion might be realized and saved to the Grand Lodge; but the representations of this Committee have hitherto been disregarded, the resolutions which they have offered touching this subject have been rejected and they must content themselves with the reflection that they have conscientiously performed their duty in thus repeatedly calling the attention of the Grand Lodge to the subject. The a/cs of the Grand Secretary for the payment of the interest on the Loans show the following:

Of the $110,000 Loan.

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1857	$3,110 21
Appropriation July, 1857	3,300 00
	$6,410 21
Interest paid in the year 1857 to Nov. 15	5,722 75
Leaving balance in hands of G. Secty	$687 46

While the whole amount of interest due on this Loan at the present time is only $538.58, showing a surplus of $148.96 on this account.

Of the $41,000 Loan.

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1857	$202 24
Appropriation for April, 1857	1,230 00
" " October, 1857	1,230 00
	$2,662 24
Interest paid in the year 1857 to Nov. 15	2,011 81
Leaving balance in hands of G. Secty	$650 43

While the whole amount due upon the interest of this Loan is $680.16, showing a deficiency of $29.73 on this account. These discrep-

ancies the Committee propose to correct at this time by asking the Grand Lodge to appropriate just such an amount for the payment of the next interest as will cover the exact liability of the Grand Lodge on that account and they herewith append resolutions to that effect. The Committee have consulted with the different Officers and Committees of the Grand Lodge and give the following estimates of the receipts and disbursements for the year 1858.

RECEIPTS.

From Lodges, Chapters, Encampments, &c	$14,500 00
" Dispensations, Warrants, Certificates, D. D. G. Masters, &c	3,250 00
" Rents of stores	10,000 00
	$27,750 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Orders of the Hall Committee including taxes	$4,000 00
" " " Grand Master	1,000 00
Salary and expenses of the Grand Secretary	1,550 00
" " " " " Grand Treasurer	250 00
" " " " " G. Tyler	200 00
Interest on Masonic Loans	8,940 77
Grand Almoners	540 00
	$16,480 77

Leaving a surplus of over $11,000 from which deduct the transient expenses of the Grand Lodge and the balance will be applicable to the purchase of the Masonic Loans.

With these remarks the Committee submit the annexed resolutions for the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

WM. WHITNEY, F. BLACKBURNE,
GEO. W. HUFTY, ROBT. CLARK,
DANL. THOMPSON, *Committee of Finance.*

Resolved, that the following appropriations be made for the year 1858, to wit:

To the Hall Committee	$4,000 00
Expenses of the G. Master	1,000 00
Salary and expenses of G. Secretary	1,550 00
" " " " G. Treasurer	250 00
" " " " G. Tyler	200 00
Grand Almoners	540 00
	$7,540 00

Also resolved, that the R. W. G. Master be authorized to draw his warrants on the Grand Treasurer for the following dates and

amounts; to be applied to the payment of Interest on the Masonic Loans, to wit:

Jan. 1,	1858,	Interest	on	the	$110,000	Loan	$3,151 04
April 1,	"	"	"	"	41,000	"	1,259 73
July 1,	"	"	"	"	110,000	"	3,300 00
Oct. 1,	"	"	"	"	41,000	"	1,230 00
							$8,940 77

The following report of the Committee of Finance was read and approved and the resolution adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Finance to whom was referred in June last a bill from Brother Jos. Hutchinson, beg leave to submit the following report.

The bill referred to is as follows, to wit:

Building Committee

To *Jos. Hutchinson*, Dr.

1855.

Oct. 27, To half measuring carpenter work	$175 38
To half charges estimating lumber	70 15
	$245 53

Your Committee notified Bro. Hutchinson in writing, several different times, when they would meet and investigate his case which had been referred to them by the Grand Lodge, but it was not until the 27th ult. that they succeeded in procuring his attendance. Bro. Hutchinson then made his statement in relation to the items named in his bill, and gave his reasons why he thought he should be paid, one of which was, he said, because some portion of the measuring had been done by him after he was discharged as the superintendent. It appears from the book of minutes of the Building Committee, which was examined, that on the 25th day of May, 1853, Bro. Hutchinson was elected at his own urgent request as the Superintendent of the New Building, during the pleasure of the Committee at a compensation of $2 per day, and on the 18th day of July following his compensation was raised to $2.50 per day and a written agreement was drawn up and signed by the Committee as well as by himself. Bro. Hutchinson agreeing to give all his time during regular hours and to perform all that might be required of him by the said Committee. The book of minutes further show that Bro. Hutchinson continued in their employ until Oct. 1, 1855, when he was discharged and paid in full there being no further need of his services, the building being then completed. It also appears on their book of minutes that Bro. Hutchinson presented this bill to the Building

Committee on the 22d Feb., 1856; which bill the Committee unanimously declined to pay, and state as their reason for so doing that all the measuring was done by him while in their employ as Superintendent, and for which he had already been paid. Your Committee then called and examined Bro. Geo. Smith, of No. 186, who was one of the members of the Building Committee. Bro. Smith states as follows: That the positive agreement and understanding with Bro. Hutchinson was that he was to give his whole time and attention during regular hours to the erection of the building and that for all the services he performed in or about the building he was paid in full for on the 1st Oct., 1855, in accordance with the agreement made with him. This witness further states that the estimate of lumber made by Bro. Hutchinson was done by him in the early stage of the erection of the building, and that the measuring of the carpenter work was performed as the building progressed, and that the whole of this was done prior to the completion of the Hall. Bro. Smith further testifies that he does not know or believe that Bro. Hutchinson was ever employed to do any work whatever, in or about the building after the 1st of Oct., 1855. If he had been he certainly should have known it. This witness however says that the Building Committee were unable to come to a final settlement with Mr. Price, the carpenter, until Bro. Hutchinson and one Campbell furnished to the Committee their certificate in regard to the carpenter work, and he thinks this certificate was not furnished until the close of Oct., 1855, or about the same date as the bill rendered to the Committee by Bro. Hutchinson.

Bro. F. Blackburne, of No. 2, who was also a member of the Building Committee, being present and hearing the evidence of Bro. Smith corroborates the same in every particular. Your Committee having the evidence from the book of minutes and the testimony of two witnesses, did not deem it necessary to call any one else to throw additional light on the subject. Your Committee therefore after giving the matter all due consideration are clearly of opinion that Bro. Hutchinson has no valid or just claim against this Grand Lodge; the services for which he has rendered this bill having been performed while he was in the employ of the Building Committee and was at the time receiving his *per diem* as stipulated in the agreement. And further your Committee are of opinion that it was a part of Bro. Hutchinson's duty as the Superintendent to assist in the measuring of the carpenter work, as well as estimating the lumber while he was in the employ of said Committee. But were it as Bro. Hutchinson himself states, that he was at the Hall and some portion of the measuring was done by him after he ceased to be the Superintendent, still your Committee do not think he would be entitled to further pay, for the plain and simple reason that it was in evidence that Bro. Hutchinson while in the employ of the Committee as their Superintendent devoted much of his time to other employment for which he received pay from other parties so employing

him. Your Committee beg leave to offer the annexed resolution and ask for its adoption.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. WHITNEY, DANL. THOMPSON,
GEO. W. HUFTY, ROBT. CLARK,
Com. of Finance.

PHILAD., Dec. 2, 1857.

Resolved, that the Committee of Finance be discharged from the further consideration of this subject.

Bro. Lucius H. Scott on behalf of the Committee of Correspondence read a lengthy Report containing a very able review (with copious extracts) of the proceedings of the following Grand Lodges: California, Florida, Virginia, Louisiana, Maine, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Texas, Vermont, Canada West, Alabama, Arkansas, Oregon, Tennessee, Kansas, Missouri, Michigan, Wisconsin, New Hampshire, Maryland, S. Carolina, N. Carolina, New York, Delaware, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts.*

The following report from the Committee on By-laws was read and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report that they have examined the several By-laws submitted to them and would recommend that in Sec. 3, Art. VI of the By-laws of No. 135 the words "may be suspended or expelled" be substituted for "shall be suspended or expelled," and that said By-laws be then approved. That from By-laws I of Lodge 197 the words "with the exception of the chaplain" be stricken out, that By-laws No. X be stricken out, that By-law No. XI be stricken out and the following substituted: "The fees for conferring degrees and membership shall in all cases be paid in advance, and shall be as follows, viz: For conferring the three degrees by dispensation, $20; initiation and membership, $20; admission of an E. A. from another Lodge, $15; admission of a F. C. from another Lodge, $10; admission of a M. M. from another Lodge, $5. That the words "two-thirds" be stricken out from By-law No. XXIV and the words "a majority" substituted, and that said By-laws be then approved. That from Art. X of the By-laws of Lodge No. 158 the figure "$10" where it occurs the second time be stricken out and that the latter portion of the Art. XVI be stricken out and the following substituted: "A member in arrears for one year's dues shall be notified thereof by the Secretary, after which should he neglect or refuse to pay his arrearages he may be suspended or expelled, having first been notified of the intended action of the Lodge and the time fixed therefor. That the words "two-thirds" be stricken from Art. XVIII and the words "a majority" substituted. And that said By-laws be then approved. That the word "may" be substituted for "shall" in Sec. 1, Art. XI of the By-laws of Lodge No. 303, that to

* See Appendix H, page 400.

Art. XVI be added "all the above fees must be paid in advance," that after the word "disputes" in Art. XIX be inserted the words "except such as are of a pecuniary nature," and that said By-laws be then approved. That from Art. X of the By-laws of Lodge No. 311 the words "and may be admitted on payment of five dollars," be stricken out and the following added: The fees for conferring degrees and membership shall in all cases be paid in advance and shall be as follows, viz: For conferring the three degrees by dispensation, $21; initiation and membership, $21; admission of an E. A. from another Lodge, $15; admission of a F. C. from another Lodge, $10; admission of a M. M. from another Lodge, $5; and the said By-laws be then approved. That from Art. XII of the By-laws of No. 312 the words "two-thirds," be stricken out and the words "a majority" substituted, and that said By-laws be then approved.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. H. ADAMS, ROBERT FRAZER, *Committee.*

PHILAD., Dec. 21, 1857.

The Hall Committee made no report.

The Committee on —— —— made a report which was read, and on motion was referred back to the Committee, that the facts in the case may be reported.

The following report of the Committee on the Ahiman Rezon was read and approved and the resolutions attached thereto were adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on the Ahiman Rezon beg leave to report that in addition to the fifteen hundred copies of the Ahiman Rezon which were bound and placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary, according to the last report, five hundred additional copies, plain stitched, have also been placed in the hands of the same officer of this Grand Lodge. The remaining one thousand copies of the work in sheets are deposited in one of the vacant rooms of this Hall, ready for binding and distribution as they may be called for; or to be disposed of in such manner as the Grand Lodge may see proper to direct. Brother J. B. Chandler has presented his bill for printing and binding amounting to $822.25, which your Committee certify to be correct; and submit to the Grand Lodge the following resolutions and ask for their adoption. (With $1 additional for copyright paid by Bro. B.)

Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Master be and he is hereby authorized to draw his warrant on the Grand Treasurer for the sum of $823.25 in payment of the above named bill of Bro. J. B. Chandler.

Resolved, that the Committee on the Ahiman Rezon be discharged.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

WM. WHITNEY, *Chairman.*

PHILAD., Dec. 3, 1857.

The following report of the Special Committee on the Portraits of Past Grand Masters was read.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the report of the Committee on Correspondence presented at the Extra Quarterly Communication, Jan. 5, 1857, as relates to the report of a Committee on Portraits appointed by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts respectfully report the portion of the report of the Committee on Correspondence is as follows: Massachusetts. The Committee to procure the portraits of the Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts report that they have the satisfaction to announce that their labors are now completed and with more success than was anticipated at the time of their appointment. To obtain this result has required great perseverance, a large sacrifice of time and patience and much of personal toil; but they deem these not in vain when these walls now almost speak of so many of the departed whose lives and memories are so interwoven with the bright history of Massachusetts Masonry, and not of Masonry only, but with the glory of our old Bay State. Omitting their titles of distinction let their names alone be heralded. They have thus secured the living lineaments of more than twenty Past Grand Masters embracing a period of service of eight-five years. "And why," say the Committee on Correspondence of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, "should not this Grand Lodge go and do likewise?" Your Committee on considering the subject thus referred to them, while their duties as they conceived were confined to matters of preliminary inquiry in order to such future action as the R. W. Grand Lodge might see fit to take in the premises have desired to lay before the Grand Lodge such a report as to enable such action to be taken promptly and definitely. The archives of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania prior to the Revolution were lost or destroyed during the occupancy of Philadelphia by the British Army; but it is known that *Wm. Ball, Esq.*, had for many years held and exercised the office of Provisional Grand Master by virtue of a Patent issued by the Grand Lodge of England in 1764. On the 20th of December, 1779, the representatives of the respective Lodges duly convened for the purpose of electing Grand Officers, selected Wm. Ball, Esq., as Grand Master; and the archives of the Grand Lodge show a regular succession of Grand Masters down to the present time. Including the R. W. P. G. M. William Ball this Grand Lodge has been presided over by thirty Grand Masters; and the list comprises the names of those whose reputation, character and standing not only as Masons but as men who have filled with honor high stations in public life, has reflected dignity and credit upon the exalted office to which the votes of their Masonic Brethren has called them. Of these thirty, fifteen (just one-half) are deceased; while the remainder are yet spared to cheer us by their presence, enlighten us by their counsel and stimulate us by their example of a consistent Masonic walk. To per-

petuate among us the lineaments of those who have filled the high and responsible office of Grand Master of "The Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging," and whose memory is and ever will be dear to our hearts, cannot but strike the mind of every brother as eminently desirable. Is the project feasible, and is it expedient for the Grand Lodge to undertake its accomplishment? Your Committee have made such inquiry respecting the existence of portraits of the deceased Past Grand Masters as leads them to believe that it will be possible to obtain portraits or other representations or likenesses of all. It may require time, patience and some exertion upon the part of those to whose hands this labor may be committed, but your Committee have no doubt that success will attend the effort and that a complete series of the portraits of her Grand Masters can be secured for the Grand Lodge. There can be no difficulty, of course, with respect to the Past Grand Masters who are yet living. The question as to the expense of the undertaking bears both upon its feasibility and expediency and your Committee have made careful inquiry upon this point. The Grand Lodge would of course expect and desire that the portraits should not only be faithful likenesses but that they should as works of art, be worthy to adorn the walls of this splendid temple. The prices of artists for their productions vary with a variety of circumstances in a very considerable degree. Your Committee believe, however, that the regular prices of Bro. John Neagle an eminent portrait painter and a member of this Grand Lodge, may be taken as a fair average. His price for a portrait of the size and style of that of Bro. Stephen Girard which is in the possession of the Grand Lodge is $100. This of course is exclusive of the frame. The Committee, however, were unanimous in the opinion that so far as practicable, the most satisfactory arrangement will be for the portraits to be painted from photographs taken, or to be taken, by Bro. W. L. Germon of this City. Bro. Germon has already photographed nearly if not all the Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge who are now living. He has artists in his employ who are engaged in painting portraits in oil from photographs taken by him of different individuals. He exhibited to the Committee portraits thus painted of Bro. L. J. Levy, a member of this Grand Lodge, and of the R. W. D. G. Master, Bro. John K. Mitchell which were eminently satisfactory in all respects. And the Committee have the pleasure of presenting for the inspection of the G. Lodge the portraits of the R. W. P. G. Masters Samuel Badger and Samuel H. Perkins representing them in their appropriate collar and jewel. These portraits were painted under the supervision of Bro. Germon from photographs taken by him; and were painted upon Bro. Germon's own motion for the purpose of enabling the Committee to exhibit to the Grand Lodge exact specimens of the proposed style of portrait. The interest Bro. Germon has shown in the project

and the courtesy and kindness with which he has aided the Committee are deserving of all praise. The price of a portrait of the size and style of the one now exhibited (the size is 30 by 40 inches) will be $60; without the frame, which will be from $25 to $30 more, according to the style. This size is the one which your Committee unanimously recommend, as it admits the display of the entire collar and jewel. The advantages of having the portraits painted in this manner are obvious. There is but little inconvenience to the individual whose portrait is to be taken as there is no necessity for frequent and tedious sittings, the greatest accuracy in the likeness is secured, and the expense is much diminished. With regard to the deceased P. G. Masters there may be some difficulty in having their portraits painted in this manner; but as respects those who are living there is no doubt in the minds of your Committee that this is by far the best mode of securing their portraits. If the portraits of the entire number of P. G. Masters could be thus taken the expense for the whole would be from $2500 to $2700. It is but just to mention that the price stated by Bro. Germon is a reduction of $10 upon each portrait from his regular prices, in consideration of the number that will be required. Should it be necessary to have the portraits of the deceased G. Masters painted by artists from portraits already in existence the expense of the undertaking may perhaps be increased. But your Committee believe that the entire project can be carried through and completed at an expense not exceeding $3000, or at the very outside $3500, including all expenses and contingencies. The Committee are unanimous in the opinion that the Grand Lodge should at once commence the undertaking and carry it through to completion as rapidly as the finances of the Grand Lodge will admit. It must necessarily be a work of time, especially as respects the portraits of the deceased P. G. Masters. The portraits of those of the P. G. Masters still living can be painted in the manner and style referred to at an expense not exceeding $1350, including the frames. Your Committee recommend that these portraits be painted first in order of time, so that the artists who may be engaged upon the work may secure from the living subject an accurate representation in those details of color, &c., which a photograph cannot supply. In the meantime such Committee as the Grand Lodge may see proper to entrust with the execution of the plan, can be engaged in ascertaining exact and definite information with regard to the practicability of obtaining portraits of the deceased P. G. Masters, and can report to the Grand Lodge from time to time, when such action can be taken as may be deemed most proper. Your Committee in conclusion respectfully submit the following resolutions: 1. *Resolved*, that the R. W. G. Lodge of Pennsylvania have the portraits of all her P. G. Masters painted, and hung in some part of the new Masonic Hall. 2. *Resolved*, that the size of the portrait be 30 by 40 inches. 3. *Resolved*, that a special Committee of five be appointed with instructions to have the portraits of all

the living P. G. Masters painted in oil by artists in the employ of Bro. W. L. Germon from photographs taken by him; and that the said portraits be secured at as early a day as possible. 4. *Resolved*, that the Committee appointed under the last resolution be instructed to ascertain as full, exact and definite information as possible with respect to the existence of any portraits or other likenesses or representations of the deceased P. G. Masters of this Grand Lodge from which it will be practicable to have their portraits painted for the Grand Lodge; and that the Committee report from time to time their progress in their labors, with such recommendations for the action of the Grand Lodge as they may deem expedient. 5. *Resolved*, that this Committee be discharged. All which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH S. RILEY, PETER F. LAWS,
J. L. HUTCHINSON, SAML. C. PERKINS,
FREDK. LENNIG, *Committee.*

On motion of Bro. Purves action on the above report was postponed till the next stated meeting in March.

The following report of the Committee on the petition of Bro. —— —— was read and approved, and the Resolutions attached were adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the G. Lodge of Penna.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Bro —— —— appealing from the action of Lodge No. 3 in expelling him from said Lodge for unmasonic conduct respectfully report: That they have carefully examined all the proceedings of said Lodge, and the written testimony presented, as well as listened to all oral testimony offered by the parties, and have arrived at the conclusion that Lodge No. 3 has acted in conformity to the ancient usages of the Order, and has afforded to the accused every facility to vindicate himself from the charges brought against him. Your Committee therefore offer the following resolutions, viz: *Resolved*, that the proceedings of Lodge No. 3, in reference to its action against Bro. —— —— have been conducted in a perfectly fair, proper and correct manner, and that there is nothing contained therein but which is truly and consistently Masonic. *Resolved*, that the appeal of Bro. —— —— be and is hereby dismissed and the Committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Truly and fraternally yours, &c.

EDMOND BARRINGTON, WASH. L. BLADIN, JOSHUA SPERING,
Committee.

PHILAD., Dec. 7, 1857.

Bro. John C. Smith moved that the report of the Almoners be printed. On motion of Bro. Gilpin it was postponed till the next stated meeting.

On motion of Bro. J. T. Thomas, the case of Bro. ——, in Montgomery Lodge, No. 19, was dismissed, no notice having been given to the Lodge.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at 11 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

NOTE.—Immediately after the approval of the report of the Committee on the case of Bro. —— —— (on previous page) the following took place: Bro. Griscom moved that the report of the Committee on Correspondence be referred to the Grand Officers with power to act, with a view to publication. The question being put a division was called for. At this point, Bro. John Thomson (or some other brother) remarked that the matter was provided for in the Ahiman Rezon, and further consideration of the matter was abandoned.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28, 1857, A. L. 5857.

Grand Lodge of Penna. Annual Grand Communication, held in the Hall Chestnut street.

Present: Bro. PETER WILLIAMSON, R. W. G. M. Bro. John K. Mitchell, R. W. D. G. M. Bro. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. S. G. W. Bro. John Thomson, R. W. J. G. W. Bro. James Shields, R. W. G. Treas. Bro. Wm. H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty. Bro. Geo. H Ashton, D. G. Secty. Bro. Wm. English, S. G. Deacon. Bro. J. L. Hutchinson, J G. Deacon. Bro. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. Bro. John L. Goddard, G. S. Bearer. Bro. Chas. Bard Reese and Bro. John U. Giller, G. Stewards. Bro. Horace L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant. Bro. John Chambers and Bro. Wm. H. Reese, G. Chaplains. Bro. Wm. Barger and Bro. James Page, P. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Skerrett. No. 3, Wright, Henderson, Brothers, Raisin, Kelly, Thorpe. No. 19, Wright, Griscom, Wilson, Thomas, Thornley. No. 51, Johnston, Thomson. No. 25, Benezet. No. 52, Day, Ramsey, Wilson, Wilson, Sr. No. 67, Van Osten, Simpson, Reese, R. Hutchinson, Bolt, Baugh. No. 59, Taylor, Adams. No. 71, Hutchinson, Levering, Schnider. No. 72, Ashton, Phillips, White, Barger, Thompson. No. 81, Betton, Lentz, Roop. No. 91, S. C. Perkins. No. 114, Huddell, Boyd, Stokely, Clark. No. 115, Heylin, McCloud, Shaffer, Fulmer. No. 121, Le Brun, Treadwell, Prevost, Peterson, Keyer, Mitchell. No. 125, Maag, Steiner. No. 126, Page. No. 30, Giller, Young, Easby, Van Houten, Riley, Lescure, Stokes. No. 131, Moore, Alkins. No. 134, Ogden, Hooper, Becker, Williamson. No. 155, Collins, Hedges, Martin, Woodbury. No. 158, Wetherby, Shields, Martin, Woodbury. No. 186, Smith, Stevenson. No. 187, Zimmerman. No. 211, Benezet. No. 236, Larkin. No. 238, Huhn. No. 245, Carr. No. 246, Randall. No. 271, Slemmer. No. 274, Letford, Sears, Goddard. No. 289, Davis, Moore. No. 291, Gilpin. No. 292, Deming. No. 295, Coleman, Yerkes. No. 308, Martin, Jones.

Proxies: W. H. Adams, 138, 251; P. Williamson, 156; Wm. English,



John K. Mitchell

143, 265; J. L. Hutchinson, 232; J. Steiner, 234; Wm. Barger, 237, 249, 297; R. S. Wilson, 248; J. Shields, 260, 272, 302; H. L. Peterson, 284; J. Loudenslager, 285; G. H. Ashton, 275, 279, 312; J. K. Mitchell, 299.

Fifty-seven Lodges represented, thirty-seven by members and twenty by proxy.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at 10¼ o'clock, A. M.

So much of the minutes of the Quarterly Communication held Dec. 7, 1857, as relates to the election for Officers was read and adopted.

The R. W. Grand Master made the following statement:

BRETHREN, This being the day fixed by former precedent for holding the Annual meeting (St. John's day having fallen on Sunday) we will now proceed to the discharge of the duties incumbent upon us on this occasion. The R. W. Grand Master then delivered a highly appropriate and instructive address.*

All who were not Past Masters retired when Bro. John K. Mitchell, R. W. Grand Master-elect, and Bro. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. Deputy Grand Master-elect, were separately and duly installed in ancient and solemn form; and having been duly proclaimed received the accustomed salutations of the Brethren.

The Brethren who had retired were readmitted. When the following Grand Officers were severally and duly installed in ancient and solemn form; and having been duly proclaimed, received the accustomed salutations of the Brethren. Bros. John Thomson, R. W. S. G. Warden; David C. Skerrett, R. W. J. G. Warden; P. Williamson, R. W. G. Treasurer; Wm. H. Adams, R. W. G. Secretary.

P. G. Master, Bro. Page offered the following resolution which was adopted: *Resolved*, that the Grand Treasurer in conjunction with the Hall Committee be instructed to procure a fireproof safe for the preservation of the papers belonging to the Grand Treasurer; and that it be placed in the Grand Treasurer and Grand Master's room.

On motion of Bro. Clark the following resolution was adopted: *Resolved*, that the R. W. Grand Treasurer-elect be required to give his official bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars to the Grand Lodge with approved security, for the ensuing year, in accordance with the requirement of the Ahiman Rezon.

P. G. Master, Bro. Page made a statement announcing with very appropriate remarks the death of Bro. Isaac W. Moore, Master-elect of Lodge No. 126, and requested the Grand Lodge to attend the funeral of said Brother on Wednesday next.

The following report of the Grand Officers was read and adopted:

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Penna. and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging.

The Grand Officers, a Committee to whom was referred the report of a Committee on a complaint of sundry persons in Lodge No. 235, against Bro. —— ——, D. D. G. Master, for interference and presiding in an arbitrary manner, &c., beg leave to report, that said proceed-

* See Appendix G, page 387.

ings have had the careful attention of the Grand Officers, who adopted the following resolutions, to wit: *Resolved*, that the conduct of D. D. G. Master, Bro. —— ——, as reported by the Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge, on the charge of unmasonic conduct, &c., in Lodge No. 235, was not marked by that prudence and caution which belong to the important station held by him, and that the Grand Officers fraternally hope that all differences between Bro. —— and the Lodge shall be henceforth forgotten. The resolution requesting the R. W. Gr. Master to draw his order on the Grand Treasurer for forty dollars to pay the Committee their expenses in investigating the charges against Bro. —— and Lodge No. 235, was adopted and the said amount promptly remitted by the Grand Treasurer. Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Grand Officers.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Grand Officers beg leave respectfully further to report, that agreeably to directions of the Grand Lodge they have had made fifteen jewels for D. D. G. Masters, at an expense of $8 per jewel (silver gilt) which amounts to $120 and $7.50 additional for engraving thereon, "The property of the Grand Lodge of Penna." in all $127.50, and append the following resolution: *Resolved*, that the R. W. Grand Master be requested to draw an order on the Grand Treasurer for $127.50 to pay bill of jewels, &c., for D. D. G. Masters. The only unfinished matter before the Grand Officers is the certificate for Masons made by dispensation, and an application for a new Lodge to be held at West Chester, Pa., both of which are under consideration and will be attended to by the next Board of Grand Officers, with all prudent consideration and dispatch.

The R. W. Grand Master, Bro. John K. Mitchell made a very appropriate and instructive address, which was listened to with attention (and subsequently ordered to be printed).*

The R. W. Grand Master was then pleased to announce the following appointments:

GRAND CHAPLAINS.

Rev. Bros. John Chambers, Henry W. Ducachet, Kingston Goddard, Peter Van Pelt and Thomas L. Johnson.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

For the Counties of Chester and Delaware, Bro. John Larkin, Jr. of Chester.

For Montgomery and Bucks, Bro. L. H. Scott of Bristol.

For Lancaster, York and Lebanon, Bro. Chas. M. Howell of Lancaster.

For Dauphin, Franklin, Cumberland, Adams, Juniata and Perry, Bro. Herman M. Johnson of Carlisle.

For Berks, Lehigh, and Stichter Lodge, Montgomery County, Bro. A. Jordan Swartz of Reading.

For Schuylkill, Bro. Geo. H. McCabe of Tamaqua.

* See Appendix G, page 394.

For Northampton and Carbon, Bro. Jas. M. Porter of Easton.

For Northumberland, Columbia, Montour, Union and Snyder, Bro. Geo. C. Welker of Sunbury.

For Clinton, Lycoming and Centre, Bro. Jas. Armor of Bellefonte.

For Cambria, Blair, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Bedford and Fulton, Bro. Alex. M. Lloyd of Hollidaysburg.

For Washington, Greene, Fayette and Somerset, Bro. Israel Craft of Carmichaels.

For Allegheny and Westmoreland, Bro. Jas. W. Hailman of Pittsburgh.

For Beaver, Lawrence and Mercer, Bro. John M. Irvine of Sharon.

For Erie, Crawford, Warren and Venango, Bro. Ammi Bond of Conneautville.

For Armstrong, Jefferson, Clarion, Butler, Clearfield and Indiana, Bro. Robt. E. Brown of Kittanning.

For Bradford, Wyoming, Tioga, Susquehanna and Sullivan, Bro. Geo. H. Bull of Towanda.

For Wayne, Luzerne, Pike and Monroe, Bro. Nathl. F. Marsh of Scranton.

Bros. Elhanan W. Keyser, S. G. Deacon; Josh. T. Thomas, J. G. Deacon; Wm. W. Thomson and Saml. C. Perkins, G. Stewards; J. Loudenslager, Grand Marshal; Thos. F. Betton, G. S. Bearer; H. L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant; Wm. B. Schnider, G. Tyler.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

Bros. Wm. Whitney, Robert Clark, Geo. W. Hufty, John L. Goddard, Michael Nisbet.

COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE.

Bros. Richard Vaux, John S. Hart, J. B. Chandler, Coleman Fisher, Edwin T. Chase.

COMMITTEE ON LANDMARKS.

Bros. Sam. H. Perkins, Wm. Barger, Peter Williamson.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

Bros. James Page, Chas. Gilpin, Wm. Curtis, Wm. Shippen, Chs. Frishmuth.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

Bros. Peter Fritz, A. Bournonville, James Hutchinson, Wm. H. Adams, Robert Frazer.

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING AND PUBLISHING.

Bros. Joseph S. Riley, Robert P. King, Geo. H. Hart, Gustavus Remak, Daniel M. Fox.

HALL COMMITTEE.

Bros. Joseph Moore, Wm. Leach, M. Richards Muckle, E. Strickland, John H. Weir.

ALMONERS OF THE GRAND LODGE CHARITY FUND.

Bros. George Smith, N. L. Hatfield, Harmon Baugh, A. J. Montgomery.

STEWARDS OF THE STEPHEN GIRARD CHARITY FUND.

Bros. Chas. Oat, Geo. Thomson, Jas. Kelly, John K. Murphy, Michl. Bouvier, Wm. H. Pearson, J. M. Davenport, John Wagner, Wm. G. Bambrey, Abm. West, John F. Hutchinson, Oscar Thompson, John McCloud, H. E. Leviestein, Jacob Steiner, T. Esmonde Harper, E. P. Lescure, Norwood Penrose, Thos. Roney, John Martin, Geo. H. Oliver, Geo. P. Little, Alex. Purves, M. Cartwright, Ed. C. Graeff, Alfred T. Jones, Alex. Reinstine, John W. Hornor, Gabriel Phillips, Harman Yerkes.

The R. W. Grand Secretary appointed Bro. Geo. H. Ashton, Assistant Grand Secretary, which was unanimously approved by the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary read a statement of the General Returns of the subordinate Lodges for 1857, as far as received. Ordered to be entered and filed.

On motion of Bro. Phillips the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that the addresses of P. G. Master, Bro. Williamson and the Grand Master, Bro. Mitchell be printed.*

On motion of Bro. English it was resolved, that the Grand Lodge request of P. G. M., Bro. Williamson copies of his addresses to the Subordinate Lodges, and that the same be furnished to the Committee on Printing and Publishing for the purpose of distribution.

On motion of Bro. English it was resolved, that an abstract of the General Returns be printed.

The following report of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund was read and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The undersigned, on behalf of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund, begs leave to submit the following report of their proceedings during the year 1857. In the performance of their official duty they have distributed relief to 102 "poor and respectable brethren," to wit:

To 69 brethren hailing under this jurisdiction.....	$1,615 00
To 33 brethren hailing from foreign jurisdictions.....	550 00
Total	$2,165 00
Balance remaining on hand, as per last Annual Report.....	$155 00
Returned by a recipient.....	15 00
Amount appropriated for use of Stewards for the year....	2,000 00
Total	$2,170 00
From which deduct total amount of relief granted.....	2,165 00
Leaves a balance on hand Dec. 27, 1857, of.....	$5 00

It will be observed that the number of applicants for relief exceeds that of the previous year 24. This is doubtless to be attrib-

* See Appendix G, page 387.

uted to the stagnation of business and the general distress prevailing in the community. The Committees were consequently obliged to diminish somewhat of the amount distributed to each in order to be able to grant relief to all who were deemed worthy. Of the recipients hailing under this Jurisdiction, three have recently died, and many are far advanced in years, rapidly gliding towards that "bourne from whence no traveler returns." It is however gratifying to know that the noble fountain of relief entrusted to our hands for distribution must ever continue the unfailing means by which the heavy burden of the distressed may be lightened and the pillow of the sick and unfortunate dying brother softened ere his remains are placed "beneath the clods of the valley."

All of which is respectfully submitted by

E. P. LESCURE, *President.*

The Trustees of the Masonic Loan reported that during the past year $11,700 of the Loans of the Grand Lodge had been purchased at a cost of $11,159 being a gain of $541. And that they also have in their hands certificates of Pittsburgh Masonic Loan amounting to $2,050 (which certificates came into their possession while negotiating the Loan) which they are anxious the Grand Lodge would authorize them to transfer to the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, and for this purpose offer the following resolution. *Resolved,* that the $2000 held by this Grand Lodge in the Pittsburgh Masonic Fund Society, and also $50 of the same Fund received by this Grand Lodge in part payment by Lodge No. 91 of a subscription to the New Masonic Loan, making in all $2050, be and the same is hereby transferred to the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund in part payment of the annual subscription of this Grand Lodge to said Charity Fund for the incoming year.

The following is a statement of Bro. Jas. Shields, G. Treas. of the purchase of Loans mentioned above.

No. 223 in favor of F. A. Harrison, dated July 1, 1855, payable July 1, 1863, transferred Feb. 7, 1857.

Par value	$500 00	
No. 224, Ditto	500 00	
No. 225, Ditto	300 00	
	$1,300	cost $1,185 30
No. 217, in favor of S. W. Mitchell transferred Apr. 10, 1857	$500 00	
No. 218, Ditto	500 00	
No. 250, in favor of J. K. Mitchell	100 00	
No. 251, Ditto	100 00	
No. 252, Ditto	100 00	
No. 253, Ditto	100 00	
	$1,400 00	cost $1,345 00

No. 91, in favor of Doylestown Lodge No. 245, transferred April 23, 1857....	$300 00	cost	$285 00
No. 226, in favor of Baker & Williams, transferred May 16, 1857.....	$200 00	cost	$188 00
No. 40, in favor of S. A. Harrison, dated Dec. 31, 1855, payable April 1, 1865, transferred Feb. 7, 1857, par value	$400 00	cost	$364 70
No. 43, in favor of J. C. Howell, same date, payable Apr. 1, 1857.....	$1,500 00	cost	$1,500 00
No. 39, in favor of Cornelius, Baker & Co., same date, payable April 1, 1860..	$1,350 00	cost	$1,282 50
No. 41, Parrish & Hough, payable April 1, 1865	$500 00	cost	$467 50
No. 21, Sarah Jones, payable April 1, 1865,	$50 00		
No. 55. Thos. E. Baxter, do.,	$2,000 00	cost	$1,947 50
No. 48, Chas Faurest, payable Apr. 1, 1858,	$500 00	cost	$495 00
No. 52, John School, do.,	$500 00	cost	$475 00
No. 14, John Thomson, payable Apr. 1, 1865	$1,700 00	cost	$1,623 50
RECAPITULATION.			
Old Loan, par value.....	$3,200 00	cost	$3,003 30
New " "	8,500 00	"	8,155 70
	$11,700 00		$11,159 00

Bro. P. G. M. James Page offered the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted: *Resolved*, that in view of the retirement of the R. W. Grand Master, Bro. Peter Williamson, from the position he has so ably and usefully filled in this Grand Lodge it tenders, in parting with him officially, the assurance of its sincere Masonic esteem and unabated brotherly love. *Resolved*, that the Grand Lodge owes a debt of more than ordinary gratitude to its late Grand Master for his zealous and efficient services marked in every stage of his administration of its affairs by a steady and proper Masonic spirit and an untiring devotion to the best interests of the order at large. *Resolved*, that under his kind and affectionate care and wise and paternal labors the prosperity of this Masonic jurisdiction has largely and beneficially and happily prospered leaving for him a lasting remembrance in every true Masonic heart. *Resolved*, that a copy of these resolutions be presented to P. G. M. Williamson, and that the Grand Officers be a committee for that purpose on the part of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of P. G. M., Bro. James Page the following resolutions were unanimously adopted: *Resolved*, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be and they are hereby tendered to its late Grand Treasurer, Bro. James Shields, for the truly excellent manner in which he discharged the duties of Grand Treasurer during his term of office, reflecting high credit upon him both as a man and a Mason, and

showing the most faithful devotion to the interests of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be presented to P. G. Treasurer, Bro. Shields, and that the Grand Officers be a committee on the part of the Grand Lodge for that purpose.

No further business presenting itself the Grand Lodge closed in peace at One o'clock Noon.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, March 1, 1858, A. L. 5858.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication, held at the Hall, Chestnut Street.

Present: Bro. JOHN K. MITCHELL, R. W. G. M. Bro. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. D. G. M. Bro. John Thomson, R. W. S. G. W. Bro. David S. Skerrett, R. W. J. G. W. Bro. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treas. Bro. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty. Bro. George H. Ashton, D. G. Secty. Bro. Elhanan W. Keyser, S. G. D. Bro. Joseph T. Thomas, J. G. D. Bros. W. W. Thomson and Robert Clark, G. Stewards. Bro. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. Bro. T. H. Betton, G. S. Bearer. Bro. H. L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant. Bro. John Chambers, G. Chaplain. Bros. Josiah Randall, Saml. H. Perkins, James Page, Peter Fritz, A. Bournonville, and James Hutchinson, P. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Thomas, Grout, Blackburne. No. 3, Skerrett, Thomson, Hall, Padmore, Brewer. No. 9, Mackay, Leach, Brothers, Kelly. No. 19, Randall, Hodges, Griscom, Wright, Thomas. No. 25, Scott, Keim. No. 45, Adair. No. 51, Whitney, Thomson, Workman, Anderson. No. 52, Day, Ferguson, Wilson, Wood. No. 59, G. L. Taylor, Macpherson, Sinexon, Adams, Coburn. No. 62, Swartz. No. 67, Jas. Hutchinson, Smith, Wood, Loudenslager, Wagner, Martien, Baugh, Squibb, Bolt, Reese. No. 71, Bladen, Hutchinson, Frismuth, Schnider. No. 72, Thompson, Ashton, Potter, Connell, White, Phillips. No. 81, Johnson, Piper, Betton, Miles. No. 91, S. C. and S. H. Perkins, Brown. No. 114, Hamill, Stokley, Stevenson, Thomson, Clark. No. 115, Black, Leigh, Heylin, Beenken, Hibbs, Schaeffer. No. 121, Lennig, Prevost, Mitchell, Peterson, Keyser. No. 125, Bournonville, Peeler, Wollenweber, Remak, Steiner, Garrigues. No. 126, Mullen, Bell, Nisbet, Page. No. 130, Giller, Jos. R. Chandler, Stokes, Kirkpatrick, Riley, Strickland, Young. No. 131, Alkins, Thompson, Penrose, Moore. No. 134, Williamson, Roney, Ogden, Becker. No. 135, Dykes, McGregor. No. 155, Allen, Fritz, Woodbury, Martin. No. 158, Reneker, Weatherly, Jones, Wills. No. 186, Stevenson, Boswell, Pollock. No. 187, Neill, Zimmerman, Purves, Wallis, Parsons. No. 190, Johnson. No. 211, Cartwright. No. 218, Turner. No. 227, Durell, Diehl. No. 230, Christian, Brittain. No. 236, Holmes. No. 246, Jones, Randall, Wilkey. No. 260, Campbell. No. 271, Neall, Slemmer, Pedrick. No. 274, Letford, Goddard, Deckert. No. 289, Davis, Phillips, Moore, Sel-

kirk, Gwyn. No. 291, Simpson, Marsh. No. 295, Elliott, Harpur, Yerkes, Gilpin, McCrory. No. 296, Harper, Roberts. No. 299, Ellis.

Proxies: Bros. Adams, for 138, 251, 282; Bladen, 153; Bournonville, 60; Williamson, 156; W. W. Thomson, 106; Leach, 263, 301; Remak, 144; Steiner, 234; Phillips, 199, 268; G. Thomson, 241; Page, 222; Ashton, 275, 279, 312; Peterson, 284; Strickland, 227; Loudenslager, 285; Mitchell, 220; Lennig, 62; Baugh, 305.

Seventy Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at 6¼ o'clock P. M.

The minutes of the Extra Quarterly Communication, held Dec. 27, 1857, were read and adopted.

The minutes of the Annual Communication held Dec. 28, 1857, were read and adopted.

Copies of By-laws and Amendments to By-laws of Lodges No. 106, 230, 235, 308, 315, also Amendments to By-laws of Lodges No. 131, 220, 226, 243, 246 and 271 were presented and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 52, * * *, which was on motion ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 62, * * *. On motion ordered to be entered and filed. Also one from same Lodge asking permission to take another ballot for —— ——, the objections to him appearing to have been removed. On motion permission was granted.

An appeal of Bro. —— —— from the action of Concordia Lodge, No. 67, in Oct. 1857, on an application of Mr. —— —— for Initiation and Membership was called up but failed by decision of the Grand Master.

A memorial of —— —— against the action of Lodge No. 67, in the matter of charges against Bro. —— ——, was read and on motion referred to a Committee of Five. The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following named brethren said Committee: Bros. Joseph S. Riley, E. P. Lescure, R. H. Campbell, H. Weir Workman and Edw. Robbins.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 115, * * *. On motion ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 121, * * *. On motion ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 155, * * *. On motion ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 186, * * *. On motion ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 226, appointing Bro. Jos. S. Riley proxy for said Lodge. On motion ordered to be entered and filed and proxy acknowledged.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 234, * * *. On motion the petition was granted.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 244, * * *. On motion the petition was granted.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 266, * * *. On motion ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 281, * * *. On motion ordered to be entered and filed. Also, an appeal of —— —— against the action of said Lodge in balloting for foregoing applicants, which was on motion referred to Committee on Appeals.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 285, * * *. On motion referred to Committee on Landmarks.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 268, * * *. On motion the petition of the Lodge was granted.

A communication was read from a number of brethren of Lodge No. 291, asking permission to take another ballot on a Mr. —— who had been rejected. Said communication not having the sanction of the Lodge, no action was taken thereon.

A communication was read from a number of the brethren of Lodge No. 291, complaining of the election to membership of Bro. ——, and subsequently electing him Senior Warden the same night on which he made application for membership, without waiting the usual delays, and asking the Grand Lodge to take action in the matter. A communication was also read from the officers of the Lodge, as per a direction of Lodge No. 291, with the seal attached, setting forth the matter as it occurred and avowing that "the error was committed through a mistaken idea of the power of the Lodge and without any intention to do an unlawful act." The whole subject elicited considerable discussion. The R. W. D. G. Master, Bro. Henry M. Phillips finally offered the following resolution which was adopted, viz: *Resolved*, that the admission to membership of Bro. —— —— in Scranton Lodge, No. 291, at the same meeting at which his petition was originally presented, and also his election at that meeting to be Senior Warden of that Lodge were in violation of the rules of the Grand Lodge and are irregular and void, and that Scranton Lodge, No. 291, be directed to erase Bro. —— ——'s name from its list of membership. At a subsequent period of the evening's proceedings, the following resolution which was offered by P. G. Master Bro. Josiah Randall was adopted, to wit: *Resolved*, that Lodge No. 291, at its next or at some subsequent meeting be authorized to proceed on the petition of Bro. —— ——, agreeably to the rules laid down in the Ahiman Rezon.

Applications for Warrants for new lodges to be held at Allegheny City; Bloomfield, Perry, Co.; Bedford; East Liberty, Allegheny Co.; Harford, Susquehanna Co., were read and referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 216, asking to be informed whether they were right or wrong in taking a ballot after a Committee of Inquiry had reported the applicant to be unworthy. On motion it was ordered that the Grand Secretary be requested to return the petition to the Lodge with the decision of the Committee on Landmarks.

An appeal of —— —— from the action of Lodges Nos. 216 and 294 in relation to certain charges brought by —— against —— ——, relating to a watch, &c., was read and referred to the Committee on Appeals.

A communication was read from the Senior and Junior Wardens and other members of Lodge No. 260, at Carlisle, protesting against the action of said Lodge in making a Mr. —— a Mason, by dispensation, after said —— had been rejected by Lodge No. 21 at Harrisburg. On motion referred to a special Committee of Three. The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bros. Peter Williamson, Jeremiah L. Hutchinson and Robert Frazer, said Committee. Peter Williamson declines acting, Joseph T. Thomas appointed.

An appeal of —— —— against the action of Melita Lodge, No. 295, in relation to his suspension for unmasonic conduct by said Lodge was read and on motion referred to a special Committee of Three. Bro. Riley moved that it be referred to a Committee with power to take such action as may be thought just and right in the premises and make report to this Grand Lodge. The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bros. William Whitney, William English and Alfred Cooper.

The following report of the Trustees of the Girard Bequest was read by their Chairman, P. G. M. Bro. Perkins, and the resolution attached was on motion adopted.

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Penna. and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging.

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest respectfully report, that they have received since the last report from interest and dividends on investments the sum of.....$2,302 35
Interest accrued on deposits, in the Penna. Co. for Insurances on Lives, &c..... 52 49

Making the total receipts from all sources.....$2,354 84
To which add balance on deposit in the Penna. Co. for Ins. on Lives, &c., as per last report..... 1,174 43

Making a total of.....$3,529 27
Of the above sum the Trustees have paid on orders of the R. W. Grand Master for the use of the Committee of Charity.....$1,625 00
Cash for $1000 City 6's..... 877 50
Do. 100 do. 87 75
——— 2,590 25

Balance..... $939 02

Leaving a balance to the credit of the Trustees in the Penna. Co. for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuities of say nine hundred

and thirty-nine $\frac{2}{100}$ dollars, ($939.02) from which however must be deducted $375, the balance of the appropriation of last year payable to Committee No. 2 for the second quarter of 1858, and which is generally drawn for in April. This sum deducted from the above balance will leave $564.02 on deposit in cash to meet the appropriation of the next Masonic year; which together with the accruing interest on investments enable the Trustees again to recommend an appropriation of $2,000 to the charitable purposes of the Bequest during the year ending June 1, 1859. No change has been made in the investments of the Bequest since the last report with the exception of purchasing two Certificates of City 6's, one of $1,000 and one of $100.

The investments are as follows, to wit:

Certificate No. 3,222 City 6's of 1890	$1,000 00
" " 11,715 " 1889	1,000 00
" " 11,768 " 1876	100 00
Certificates Nos. 1 and 2 M. Loan of 1853, $250 each	500 00
" from No. 125 to 176 inclusive, 52 certificates of $500 each	26,000 00
" No. 177	400 00
" from No. 229 to 248 inclusive, 20 certificates of $500 each	10,000 00
	$39,000 00

Making the par value of the investments, thirty-nine thousand dollars ($39,000). The above satisfactory result has been reached not by any diminution of our charities, for our appropriations have for years exceeded the amount originally contemplated; but by judicious investments and by keeping our deposits where they yield small but certain interest. The Trustees respectfully submit the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, that the sum of two thousand dollars ($2,000) be and the same is hereby appropriated to the use of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund for the year ending June 1, 1859, to be drawn for in the usual manner.

All which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL H. PERKINS, JACOB STEINER,
JAMES HUTCHINSON, DAVID BOYD,
Trustees.

FEBRUARY 24, 1858.

The following report of the Committee of Finance was read and ordered to be entered and filed:

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Finance Committee respectfully report, that they have examined the final accounts of Bro. James Shields, late Grand Treasurer, compared them with his vouchers and find them correct as follows:

Balance last account	$1,781 12
Received from Lodges and Chapters	4,456 95
Regalia account	136 01
Warrants, new Lodges	324 00
Rent of stores	2,083 35
D. D. G. Masters	734 92
Dispensations and G. L. Certificates	253 00
Interest on deposit in Six-penny Saving Institution	118 07
Makes a total of receipts	$9,887 42

PAYMENTS.

Orders R. W. G. Master, expenses, &c	$768 13
" " printing Ahiman Rezon	823 25
Interest on Masonic Loan	3,151 04
Orders of Hall Committee	438 39
Balance paid over to P. Williamson, Esq., Grand Treasurer	4,706 61
	$9,887 42

They have also examined the account of Peter Williamson, Grand Treasurer, made up to the 1st February, 1858, compared them with his vouchers and found them correct, as follows:

Received from Bro. James Shields late Grand Treasurer	$4,706 61
" from Lodges and Chapters	4,554 33
" " D. D. G. Masters	35 00
" " Rent of store	208 34
Making a total of receipts of	$9,504 28

PAYMENTS.

Orders of Hall Committee	$36 91
" " G. Master	166 75
Balance on hand	9,300 62
	$9,504 28

The Hall Committee presented their accounts from December 1, 1857, up to February 2, 1858, which were examined and found correct, showing orders drawn on the Grand Treasurer amounting to $648.22.

The Grand Secretary submitted a statement of the payment of interest on Grand Lodge Loan of $110,000 since last report up to the 24th February, 1858, which was examined and found correct, as as follows:

Balance in Grand Secretary's last report	$687 46
Appropriation of Grand Lodge	3,151 04
Makes amount to pay interest of	$3,838 50

Interest paid as pr. receipt book	$3,202 50
Balance remaining with G. Secretary	636 00
	$3,838 50

The amount of interest on this Loan due and not yet called for corresponds with the balance in the Grand Secretary's hands. He also presented a statement of payments of interest on Grand Lodge Loan of $41,000 made out since last report up to 24th February, 1858, which was examined, compared with the vouchers and found correct, as follows::

Balance in hands of G. Secretary last report	$650 43
Amount of interest paid as pr. receipt book	650 46
Overpaid	03

There still remains of interest on this Loan due and not yet called for $31.50.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. WHITNEY, MICHAEL NISBET,
ROBERT CLARK, JOHN L. GODDARD.

PHILAD., Feb. 25, 1858.

The following report of the Committee of Finance was read, and the resolution attached adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Finance beg leave to submit the following: WHEREAS, there has been for a considerable time past standing on the books of the Grand Secretary to the debit of several of the subordinate Lodges, various items amounting to from one to ten and fifteen dollars, in each case, which sums are in dispute between the Grand Lodge and said subordinate Lodges, the latter alleging that they have been overcharged, or else that mistakes have been made in their returns to the Grand Secretary, and WHEREAS, it is desirable that these small matters should be adjusted and settled, and those accounts balanced as early as practicable, therefore *Resolved*, that the Committee of Finance, in conjunction with the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, be and they are hereby authorized to adjust and settle these accounts in such manner as they may deem just and equitable between the parties.

WM. WHITNEY, MICHAEL NISBET,
ROBT. CLARK, JOHN L. GODDARD.

PHILAD., Feb. 27, 1858.

The following resolution, offered by Bro. Wm. Whitney, Chairman of Committee of Finance, was read and adopted: *Resolved*, that the Grand Secretary be instructed to send bills for rent to all the En-

campments meeting in this building, and demand payment of the same.

The case of Bro. —— —— against Lodge No. 67, was again called up by P. G. Master, Bro. Whitney. The R. W. Grand Master stated that he had no objection to the matter going to a Committee although he thought it was not required. On motion of Bro. Whitney the matter was then referred to the Committee on Appeals.

The following report of the Committee on By-laws was read and on motion adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report, that they have examined the several By-laws submitted to them and would recommend that from Sec. 1, Art. IV, of the By-laws of Lodge No. 106, the words "or withdrawal card" be stricken out. That in Sec. 4, Art. VI, after the word "suspended" there be inserted the words "or expelled having first been properly notified of the proposed action of the Lodge and the time fixed therefor." That from Sec. 1, Art. VIII, the words "two-thirds" be stricken out and the words "a majority" substituted, and that said By-laws be then approved. That from Sec. 3, Art. V, of the Amendments to the By-laws of Lodge No. 131, all after the word "suspended" be stricken out and the words "or expelled, having first been properly notified of the proposed action of the Lodge and the time fixed therefor," and that the said amendments be then approved. That the Amendments to the By-laws of Lodges No. 220 and 226 be approved. That all after the words "reason given" in Art. XIV of the By-laws of Lodge No. 230 be stricken out and the following substituted: "he may be suspended or expelled, having first been properly notified of the proposed action of the Lodge and the time fixed therefor." That the words "two-thirds" be stricken from Art. XVI and the words "a majority" substituted, and that said By-laws be then approved. That all after the words "six months" be stricken from Art. XVI of the By-laws of Lodge No. 235, and the following substituted: "after having been notified thereof he may be suspended or expelled, having first been properly notified of the proposed action of the Lodge and the time fixed therefor." That Articles XXII, XXIII, XXIV and XXV which treat of the causes for, and manner of suspensions and expulsions be stricken out, as these matters should be determined by the Grand Lodge in order that there may be a uniformity therein, and that said By-laws be then approved. That the Amendments to the By-laws of Lodge No. 243 be approved. That from Sec. 5, Art. XIV, of the Amendment to the By-laws of Lodge No. 246, the words "exceed one year's dues, may be suspended" be stricken out and the following substituted: "if they amount to one year's dues shall be notified thereof and should they not be paid within three months thereafter he may be suspended or expelled having first been properly notified of the proposed action of the Lodge and the time appointed therefor," and that the Amendment to said By-

laws be then approved. That the Amendment to By-laws of Lodge No. 271 be approved. That the word "one" be stricken from Art. II of the By-laws of Lodge No. 308 and the word "three" substituted. That from the same Section all after the word "notice" be stricken out and the following substituted: "he may be suspended or expelled, having first been properly notified of the proposed action of the Lodge and the time fixed therefor." That from Art. IV all between the words "one dollar" and "if the Report" be stricken out. That from Art. VI all after the words "withdrawn his petition" be stricken out and the following substituted: "the fees for conferring degrees and for membership shall in all cases be paid in advance, and shall be as follows, viz: For conferring the three degrees by dispensation, $25; for Initiation and Membership, $25; for admitting an Entered Apprentice from another Lodge, $20; for admitting a Fellow Craft from another Lodge, $10; for admitting a Master Mason from another Lodge, $5." That the word "may" be substituted for "shall" in Article VII, and that said By-laws be then approved. That the words "which report shall be signed by at least two of the Committee and read in open Lodge," and also the words "in case the applicant is not elected the first balloting, to prevent mistakes the ballot may on motion be taken a second time" be stricken from Sec. 2, Art. V, of the By-laws of Lodge No. 315. That the latter portion of Sec. 1, Art. VI, be stricken out and the following substituted: For conferring the three degrees by dispensation, $35; for conferring the three degrees by dispensation with membership, $30; for Initiation and Membership, $30; for admitting to membership an E. Apprentice from another Lodge, $20; for admitting to membership a Fellow Craft from another Lodge, $10; for admitting to membership a Master Mason from another Lodge, $5." That all after the words "be not paid" be stricken from Sec. 3, Art. VII, and the following substituted: "he may be suspended or expelled, having first been properly notified of the proposed action of the Lodge and the time appointed therefor." That Art. XII treating the causes for and manner of expulsion be stricken out. That the words "unless some very special reason can be given" be stricken from Sec. 1, Art. XV. That to Art. XVIII there be added: "8. This order of business may be varied or dispensed with by the W. Master," and that said By-laws be then approved.

WM. H. ADAMS, ROBERT FRAZER, AND OTHERS, *Committee.*

PHILAD., March 1, 1858.

The following Amendment to the Ahiman Rezon, offered by Bro. Blackburne and seconded by Bro. Martien was read and laid over: In order to encourage the attendance of its members at the Grand Communications and thereby bind the Craft more closely together in their fraternal relations, this Grand Lodge will defray the necessary expenses of the attendance of one delegate from each subordinate Lodge once in every year. *Provided*, that such expenses do not exceed five cents per mile going and coming. *And provided*

further, that the sum so paid shall not exceed the annual dues of the Lodge which that delegate represents.

The following resolution offered by P. G. Master Bro. Randall was read and adopted. *Resolved*, that Lodge No. 291, at its next or some subsequent stated night of meeting be authorized to proceed on the petition of Bro. —— ——, agreeable to the rules laid down in the Ahiman Rezon.

Bro. Adams offered the following resolution which was adopted. *Resolved*, that seven copies of the Ahiman Rezon be presented to the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter and to each subordinate Chapter and Mark Lodge under this jurisdiction.

Bro. J. T. Thomas offered the following Amendment to the Ahiman Rezon which was laid over: *Resolved*, that no appeal from the proceedings of a subordinate Lodge shall be entertained unless it be accompanied with proof of service of the notice required by the Ahiman Rezon.

On motion duly made and seconded, a number of visiting brethren were admitted during the evening.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at 9.45 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, April 13, 1858, A. L. 5858.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Special Grand Communication, held at the Hall, Chestnut street.

Present: Bro. JOHN THOMSON, S. G. W. as R. W. G. M. Bro. David C. Skerrett, J. G. W. as R. W. D. G. M. Bro. Edw. P. Lescure, R. W. S. G. Warden, *p. t.* Bro. Joseph S. Riley, R. W. J. G. Warden, *p. t.* Bro. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treas. Bro. Wm. H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty. Bro. Geo. H. Ashton, D. G. Secty. Bro. Gustavus Remak, S. G. Deacon, *p. t.* Bro. Joseph T. Thomas, J. G. Deacon. Bro. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. Bro. Chas. Bard Reese, B. S. Bearer, *p. t.* Bros. Wm. W. Thomson and Saml. H. Perkins, G. Stewards. Bro. Horace L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant. Bros. Wm. Barger, Josiah Randall, Saml. H. Perkins, James Harper, Jas. Hutchinson, Wm. Whitney, James Page, A. Bournonville, and Peter Fritz, P. G. Masters. Bro. L. H. Scott, D. D. G. Master.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Thomas, Grout, Tallman, Green. No. 3, Skerrett, Carter, Sites, Brewer, Thomson, Padmore, Bilger, English, Wester. No. 9, Leach, Rasin, Kelly, Dorsey, Henderson, Mackay. No. 19, Maginnis, Thomas, Caskey, Randall, Murphy, Wright. No. 25, Scott. No. 51, Thomson, Whitney, Weir, Allen. No. 52, Smith, Wood, Day, Hoopes, Wilson, Sr. and Jr., Ferguson. No. 59, Adams, Macpherson, McMullen, Sinexon. No. 67, Squibb, Loudenslager, Smith, Bolt, Hutchinson, Martien. No. 71, Hutchinson, Frismuth, Bambrey, Levering. No. 72, Peacock, Thompson, Ellis, Ashton, Barger, White,

Fox, Kelly. No. 91, S. C. and S. H. Perkins, Krider. No. 114, Hamm, Clark, Stevenson, Housekeeper, Thomson, Stokley, Harper, Hamill, No. 115, Heylin, Suplee, Black. No. 121, Vaux, Lennig, Foering, Hall. No. 125, Bournonville, Remak, Wollenweber, Maag, Steiner, Peeler. No. 126, Page, Bell, Miller, Mullen. No. 130, Giller, Strickland, Easby, Logue, Lescure, Young. No. 131, Penrose. No. 134, Williamson, Roney, Becker, Goddard. No. 135, Dykes, McGregor, Seltzer. No. 155, Martin, Collins, Fritz. No. 158, Wills, Weatherly, Reneker. No. 186, Russell, Ziegler, Begley, Scattergood, Boswell. No. 187, Purves, Zimmerman, Parsons, Albertson, Neil. No. 211, Peak, Page, Lee, Cartwright. No. 226. Raber. No. 227, Diehl. No. 230, McCaully. No. 245, Carr. No. 246, Jones, Randall. No. 271, Stevenson, Atkinson, Reinstone. No. 274, Pedrick, Deckert, Letford, Sears. No. 284, Goetz. No. 289, Davis, Gwyn, Phillips. No. 292, Deming. No. 295, Gilpin, McCrory.

Proxies: Bros. Adams, 138, 251, 282; Williamson, 156; Steiner, 234; Leach, 263, 301; Thomson, 241; Ashton, 275, 279, 312; English 21, 143; Loudenslager, 285; Bournonville, 60; Lennig, 62; Thomson, 106; Remak, 144; Barger, 164, 249, 297; Steiner, 237.

Fifty-nine Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Bro. John Thomson, R. W. S. Grand Warden, presiding as Grand Master, arose and stated as follows:

BRETHREN:—The Grand Lodge has been convened this evening under circumstances of a most melancholy and affecting character. Since our last Quarterly Communication, Brother JOHN K. MITCHELL, our honored and beloved Right Worshipful Grand Master, has been called from his labors in this temple below, to, as we humbly trust, eternal refreshment in the Grand Lodge above.

His demise took place on the fourth of the present month, in this city, at his residence in Walnut street.

Immediately on receiving the sad intelligence of his death, I communicated with the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Brother Henry M. Phillips, who, as the brethren are aware, is necessarily absent on public business as a member of the House of Representatives in Washington. Brother Phillips, in his reply, expresses his sincere regret at the necessity of his absence on this sad and solemn occasion, and requests me to express to the Grand Lodge his heartfelt condolence with them for the loss they have sustained. Brother Phillips concludes, by saying: "I sincerely trust that there will be an expression of the Grand Lodge on the subject; so true, faithful, and zealous a Mason should not be permitted to pass from us unnoticed or forgotten."

Cordially agreeing with the sentiments expressed by the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, I have in his absence caused the Grand Lodge to be convened in order to afford the brethren an opportunity of paying a fitting tribute of affection and respect to the memory of our beloved and honored Grand Master.

Past Grand Master James Page then arose and addressed the Grand Lodge, as follows:

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER:—The cause of our assembling is known to most of the brethren—a severe blow has fallen upon the Order and this Grand Lodge. A bright light has gone out in the East—our Grand Master is no more, and this gathering of the Craft is for the purpose of rendering due honor to his memory. For the first time in the history of this Grand Lodge has its head been called away with all the regalia of the Order about him. By the full force and virtue of his great merit, and the spontaneous suffrages of his brethren the deceased had barely reached the East before he was called upon by a stern and unrelenting messenger to surrender his high trust and pass from among the living. How fleeting the power—how transitory the honor! If anything is calculated to teach humility, this peculiar deprivation will bring it home to us all, and the lesson taught by it should be a lasting and impressive one. Let us lay it to heart and profit by it, keeping our desires within due bounds, and checking all premature aspirations for distinction. Here the honors which are conferred should follow good works, and wait only on true Masonic merit. They should rather seek than be sought, the selfish not being the Masonic spirit, for even when properly and virtuously obtained, behold how temporary is the possession and enjoyment!

Our departed brother and Grand Master was ever attached to the pure principles of Masonry. His conduct was a practical exhibition of their beauties, and no one could have been more devoted to the welfare of the craft and the prosperity of the Order. Sincere, ardent and untiring, he never failed in the discharge of his duties in or out of the Lodge. His whole life was marked with a charity as beautiful to behold as it was fruitful for happiness in its influences on all who knew him. His pleasant smile and cordial greeting we shall know no more. Struck down by the hand of death, it is but right therefore that so peculiar a visitation and loss should be marked by this Grand Lodge by a peculiar notice and fitting record, such as will reflect credit upon the Order and be a high and solemn tribute to the memory and virtues of its late distinguished Grand Master; for where, except in this Temple, which he so lately ruled according to the ancient usages, can this homage to his worth be so appropriately rendered? I have endeavored in the preamble and resolutions I am about to offer for the acceptance of the brethren, to convey a proper sense of the bereavement we have sustained, and the manner in which the Order should manifest its respect for the departed.

After which the following preamble and resolutions were submitted by Brother James Page, for the consideration of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, and adopted with great unanimity:

WHEREAS, it has pleased the Grand Master of the Universe in the manifestation of his Divine Will, to remove from the scenes of his earthly trial and this Grand Lodge, our late Grand Master, Brother John K. Mitchell.

AND WHEREAS, this event, the first known in the history of this Grand Lodge, is therefore the more striking and impressive, requiring solemn notice in our temple, for it is a lesson powerfully teaching the mutability of human life and the uncertain tenure of worldly honors.

Therefore be it resolved, That we submit with deep humility to this afflicting and trying dispensation of Providence, and sincerely deplore the loss of our departed Brother and Grand Master, so suddenly called away from temporal Masonic labor and usefulness, as we humbly hope, to spiritual rest and refreshment in that Grand Lodge not made with hands eternal in the Heavens.

Resolved, That the devotion of our lamented brother to the true principles of the Order; his untiring zeal in the practical exercise of its charities; the fraternal love and kindness which ever marked his intercourse with those of the mystic tie; and his courteous and social bearing to all men, will long be cherished and remembered, and cause many a heart to turn with affection and regret to the green sod beneath which his earthly remains are now quietly reposing.

Resolved, That although our brother has passed away from this transitory existence; has bidden us the last farewell, and we have resigned his body to the silence of the grave; we shall ever bear in mind and strive to imitate his worth and goodness, and in the language of Masonry, "will hold his memory precious, record his name and write it in our hearts, where it shall live in the memory of his virtues and be green for evermore."

Resolved, That as in this Grand Lodge, "the place which has known him shall know him no more," in testimony of our deep grief for his loss, and in reverence for his memory, no election shall be held until the stated Grand Quarterly Communication in December next, and that until the installation of his successor, the Oriental Chair shall be covered with crape, and the Grand Lodge with the habiliments of mourning.

Resolved, That we respectfully and tenderly sympathize with the family of our deceased Friend, Companion and Brother, and pray that they may find solace and comfort in their sore bereavement from that Power who alone can alleviate sorrow and give resignation when death removes those we love.

Appropriate remarks were also made by Past Grand Master Josiah Randall, District Deputy Grand Master L. A. Scott, Brothers Joseph S. Riley, Gustavus Remak, and D. M. Fox.

On motion of Brother Gustavus Remak, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the proceedings of this Special Grand Communication be published, and copies thereof transmitted to the Grand Lodge of England, to each of the Grand Lodges of the United States, and to each subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction.

Before closing the Grand Lodge, the Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer, Past Grand Master Peter Williamson, arose and addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:

I cannot refrain, Right Worshipful Sir, on this melancholy occasion, from the expression of my entire concurrence in the sentiments and feelings which have been so eloquently embodied in the resolutions just adopted; and to add my feeble tribute of respect to the memory of one, whose long acquaintance and uninterrupted friendship I had the happiness to enjoy; and whose benevolent heart and noble bearing had endeared him to us, by the most fraternal ties.

Great is my appreciation, Right Worshipful Sir, of the delicacy of the resolution, which determines that no election shall fill the chair of our late Grand Master until the close of his appointed term, for its mournful vacancy gently reminds us, that death has won from our midst one whose seat we cannot voluntarily fill; and although we deeply feel and deplore his loss, yet we may be permitted to indulge the hope, that "our loss will be his gain," and that he has been removed from this earthly temple, to the enjoyment of the reward of a well-spent life in the cause of suffering humanity, to the celestial temple above, "that house not made with hands eternal in the Heavens."

On motion, the following named brethren were admittted as visitors during the evening: Bros. Henry A. Burton, No. 2; Geo. T. Sharp, No. 52; D. Mosser, No. 62; A. M. Burden, No. 67; Geo. W. Eyre, No. 91; Wm. C. Harris, No. 114; Wm. H. Weller, No. 114; Henry B. Benners, No. 121; Peter A. Widener, No. 126; C. D. James, No. 130; Lewis Augustine, No. 130; Wm. H. Gominger, No. 130; Edmund Brooks, No. 187; Joseph Foulke, No. 187; John Wilson, No. 203; James J. Dixon, No. 236; Wm. H. Haworth, No. 274; Chas. R. Abbott, No. 285; Dan'l M. Boyd, No. 296; Chas. H. Voorhees, No. 19, New Jersey; Loftus Sykes, No. 1, Delaware; Thos. R. Dashiell, No. 30, Virginia.

The solemnity of the occasion was only equalled by the deep interest in the proceedings and the sorrow at the loss sustained by the brethren. Without transacting any other business, the Grand Lodge closed, and the brethren separated in peace and harmony, at 9.30 P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, June 7, 1858, A. L. 5858.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication, held at the Hall, Chestnut street.

Present: Bro. JOHN THOMSON, S. G. W. as R. W. G. M. Bro. David C. Skerrett, J. G. W. as R. W. D. G. M. Bro. John L. Goddard, R. W. S. G. W. *p. t.* Bro. Joseph S. Riley, R. W. J. G. W. *p. t.* Bro. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treas. Bro. Wm. H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty. Bro. Geo. H. Ashton, D. G. Secty. Bro. Elhanan Keyser, S. G. D. Bro. Wm. Carr, J. G. D. *p. t.* Bro. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. Bro. William Leach, G. S. Bearer, *p. t.* Bro. W. W. Thomson, G. Steward. Bro. Daniel Thompson, G. Steward, *p. t.* Bro. H. L. Peterson, G. Pur-

suivant. Bros. John Chambers and Wm. H. Reese, G. Chaplains. Bros. Josiah Randall, James Harper, and Wm. Whitney, P. G. Masters. Bros. John Larkin, Jr., Israel L. Craft, John M. Irvine, George H. Bull, N. F. Marsh, and A. J. Swartz, D. D. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Graham, Weight, Tallman. No. 3, Skerrett, Maguire, English, Thomson. No. 19, Kelly, Leach, Mackay. No. 19, Goodall, Wright, Adair. No. 51, Whitney, Thomson, Johnston. No. 52, Wilson, Pearson, Ferguson, Wilson, Jr. No. 59, Taylor, G. L. Taylor, Sinexon, Coburn, Adams. No. 62, Henry. No. 67, Wood, Baugh, Smith, Van Osten, Bolt, Reese, Wagner, Squibb. No. 71, Frismuth, Schnider, Johnston. No. 72, Ashton, Thompson, White, Potter. No. 81, Fulton. No. 91, Perkins. No. 108, Bull, Mason. No. 114, Hamm, Clark, Harper, Stevenson, W. W. Thomson. No. 115, Leigh, Heylin. No. 121, Keyser, Lennig, Woodbury, Prevost. No. 125, Garrigues. No. 126, Bell, Miller, Page, Nisbet. No. 130, Young, Strickland, Riley, Chandler. No. 131, Matlack. No. 134, Beckert, Williamson. No. 135, McGregor, Selzer. No. 143, Stoner. No. 155, Hedges, Collins. No. 158, Shields, Wills. No. 186, Boswell, Begley, Little, Stevenson, Scattergood. No. 187, Parsons. No. 211, Cartwright, Dickinson. No. 227, Swartz, Diehl, Durell, Heister. No. 230, Christian, Brittain. No. 236, Larkins, Wilkey. No. 246, Randall, Jones, Wildey. No. 250, Irvine. No. 256, McCormick. No. 260, Campbell. No. 261, Bloom. No. 274, Sears, Goddard, Ledford. No. 279, Craft. No. 282, Galbraith. No. 287, Kammerer, Herdman. No. 291, Marsh. No. 292, Eccles. No. 295, McCrory, Elliott, Coleman, Yerkes. No. 299, Eshbach. No. 307, Oberly.

Proxies: Bros. Adams, 138, 251, 282; Williamson, 156; Leach, 263; Geo. Thomson, 241; Ashton, 275, 312; English, 21, 143; Loudenslager, 285; Lennig, 62; W. W. Thomson, 106; Peterson, 284; Strickland, 227; Baugh, 305.

Sixty-three Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at 7¾ o'clock, P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication held March 1, 1858, were read and on motion approved.

The minutes of the Special Grand Communication held April 13, 1858, were read and on motion approved.

The following preamble and resolution were read by Bro. Wm. English: WHEREAS, the Masonic fraternity especially of this jurisdiction was largely indebted to P. G. Master Bayse Newcomb, Esq., not only for his long and deep devotion to the general interests and work of the Craft, but for the valuable information which comprehensive researches of Masonic history directed by a profound and eager intellect enabled him to impart to his Brethren; and WHEREAS, at his demise, contrary to every expectation, it was found that his share of this world's goods was so limited as to afford no provision for the support of his widow; and WHEREAS, it is due to the memory of so distinguished a Mason that the Brethren for whom he so successfully labored should manifest a sense of the obligation imposed by such services by making temporary provision for the wants of his widow,

whilst they should at the same time guard against the recognition of any claim for her continued support; therefore be it *Resolved*, that as a token of the fraternal regard which this Grand Lodge entertains for the memory of its late Past Grand Master, Bayse Newcomb, Esq., the sum of ——— dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the use of his widow, to enable her to enter into business with a view to her future support; it being understood that said widow can have no further claim upon or expect further aid from this Grand Lodge.

After a brief statement by Bro. English regarding the condition of Mrs. Newcomb, the resolution being before the Grand Lodge and duly seconded Bro. Randall moved to make the blank six hundred dollars, which was adopted (Bro. English having agreed to the same as the sum first mentioned was $400). Bro. Harper made a motion to make the vote unanimous, and a vote again being taken there were some votes in the negative. Bro. Randall moved for a division for the resolution to stop at "support." The question being put it was carried. The second division commencing at "it being understood," was then read and being under discussion Bro. Lilly offered the following resolution, which was accepted by Bro. English: That in consideration of this peculiar case it shall not stand as a precedent for any future case. The mover of the original resolution (the latter clause, also the amendment offered by Bro. Lilly) then asked permission to withdraw the same, and the resolution with the clause stricken out was adopted.

By-laws and Amendments to By-laws were received from Lodges No. 9, 19, 67, 71, 143, 187, 216, 233, 300, 310, 314, and 316, and were referred to the Committee on By-laws.

Applications for Warrants for new lodges to be held at Scranton, Luzerne Co., and Kutztown. Berks Co., were read and on motion referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

Communications from Lodges No. 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 72, 115, 121, 125, 130, 155, 158, 186, 235, 258, and 294, were read. On motion ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 61, asking the Grand Lodge to give position to the following rejected applicants, viz.: * * * . After considerable discussion the subject was referred to a Committee of Three. The R. W. G. Master was pleased to appoint the following brethren said Committee: Bros. S. C. Perkins, D. Thompson, J. Beenken.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 72, asking permission to dispense with the stated meetings of said Lodge in July and August next. Ordered to be entered and filed and request granted.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 130, asking permission to take another ballot on —— ——, a rejected applicant. On motion the request was granted.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 186, in relation to the purchase of Mount Vernon. On motion referred to Committee of Finance.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 216, appointing Bro. Mark R. Muckle proxy for said Lodge. On motion received and proxy acknowledged.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 222, asking permission to take another ballot for —— ——, a rejected applicant. On motion request was granted.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 227, asking permission to take another ballot for —— ——, a rejected applicant. On motion request was granted.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 235, setting forth the rejection of —— ——; also the resignation of Bro. A. M. Clark, Senior Warden of said Lodge. On motion ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 245, setting forth that they have changed their place of meeting to their new Hall.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 265, setting forth that two of their members were refused admission as visitors into a New York Lodge. On motion referred to Grand Officers.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 281, asking for a Dispensation to Enter, Pass and Raise —— ——, a rejected applicant. On motion permission was granted to take another ballot for said applicant.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 286, asking permission to take another ballot in the case of —— ——, a rejected applicant, who has since been Initiated in Lodge No. 271. On motion referred to Committee on Appeals.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 287, asking permission to take another ballot for —— ——, rejected applicant. On motion request was granted.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 291, setting forth that in virtue of a dispensation from the R. W. Grand Master, Bro. Thomas Dickson was elected Senior Warden of said Lodge for the remainder of the present Masonic year. On motion ordered to be entered and filed.

A printed communication was read from the Grand Lodge of Virginia in relation to the purchase of Mount Vernon. On motion referred to Committee of Finance.

A communication was read from Hawaiian Lodge, No. 21, at Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, asking for pecuniary aid. On motion referred to Committee of Finance.

The Grand Secretary read a list of printed proceedings of the following Grand Lodges, which were on motion referred to the Committee of Correspondence: Canada, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Kentucky, Kansas, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Jersey, North Carolina, Nebraska, Ohio, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, South Carolina, Maine and California.

Resolutions of condolence on the decease of the late R. W. Grand

Master, Bro. John K. Mitchell, were received from the following Lodges and on motion were ordered to be entered and filed: Lodges No. 143, 199, 216, 220, 268, 232, 299, 315, and the Brethren of the district of Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 236, asking the Grand Lodge to remove the sentence of expulsion existing against —— ——. On motion referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Bro. Mason offered the following resolution which was on motion adopted: *Resolved*, that the accounts of Union Lodge, No. 108, be referred to the Committee of Finance to be settled as they shall think just and equitable.

The following report of the Committee of Finance was read and on moton adopted:

The Finance Committee respectfully report, that they have examined the accounts of P. Williamson, Esq., Grand Treasurer, from 1 February, 1858, up to May 1, 1858, compared them with his vouchers and find them correct, as follows:

Balance from last account	$9,300 62
Received from warrants, dispensations, &c.	581 00
Rents of Stores	2,291 72
Dues Lodges, Chapters, Encampments	7,108 47
	$19,281 81

He has made the following payments:

For safe, desk, books, &c., use of Grand Treasurer	$298 50
On orders Hall Committee	476 51
Taxes, water rent, gas bill, &c.	1,684 55
G. Secretary, to pay interest on Masonic Loan	1,259 71
G. Secretary's salary, exp., &c	401 00
G. Master's expenses	30 67
Treasurer's Trustees of Masonic Loan	8,589 00
Balance on hand	6,541 87
	$19,281 81

The Hall Committee presented their accounts and vouchers made up to the 15th May which were examined and found correct showing orders drawn on the Grand Treasurer amounting to $599.78.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. WHITNEY, ROBERT CLARK,
MICHAEL NISBET, JOHN L. GODDARD.

The Committee of Finance made the following report, which was read and adopted:

The Finance Committee respectfully report, that the petition of Pulaski Lodge, No. 216, at Pottsville, asking a remission of Grand

Lodge dues for the year 1854 was referred to them at the Quarterly Communication in December last.

The account with Pulaski Lodge shows dues for '54.....	$116 00
Those of '55, '56, 57 have been paid leaving a small balance..	2 00
And a charge in regalia account of.....	19 80
Making a total indebtedness of.....	$137 80

The reasons urged by the Lodge are the malfeasance of certain officers in the years '53, '54, amounting in gross to nearly $700, part of which however has been recovered. The remainder will in all probability be lost, the defaulter having failed in business, lost everything and is now an inmate of an insane asylum, a confirmed and hopeless lunatic. Your Committee therefore submit the following resolution for the consideration of the Grand Lodge: *Resolved*, that the Grand Lodge dues of Pulaski Lodge, No. 216, for the year 1854, amounting to one hundred and sixteen dollars be remitted, when they shall have paid the balance of their account.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. WHITNEY, MICHAEL NISBET,
ROBERT CLARK, JOHN L. GODDARD.

Bro. Whitney, chairman of the Committee on the appeal of —— ——, made a full verbal statement of all the facts in the case and then submitted the following written report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. —— —— of Melita Lodge, No. 295, from the action of that Lodge whereby he was suspended from membership in said Lodge on a charge preferred against him by Bro. —— —— for maliciously libeling and traducing the character of —— ——, a Master Mason, beg leave to submit the following report: Your Committee beg leave to state that they have investigated this whole matter, and do not find one word in the evidence brought before the Committee of Melita Lodge, No. 295, to sustain the charge of maliciously libeling and traducing the character of Bro. —— —— as stated in the charge preferred against Bro. —— —— by Bro. —— ——. Your Committee are therefore clearly of the opinion that Melita Lodge, No. 295, erred in suspending him from membership in their Lodge. They therefore submit the following resolution and ask for its adoption: *Resolved*, that Bro. —— —— be and he is hereby reinstated to full membership in Melita Lodge, No. 295, and to the same standing as he was before suspension.

WM. WHITNEY, WM. ENGLISH.

PHILAD., June 7, 1858.

Bro. Marsh offered the following resolution which was read and on motion unanimously adopted: WHEREAS, a number of brethren

formerly members of Lodge No. 119, which Lodge ceased to exist many years since, are unable to find the book containing the separate account of each member and thus show that their dues were paid, they however are confident that they were all in good standing when the Lodge ceased to exist, AND WHEREAS they have made application for a New Warrant, which application has been favorably acted upon by the Grand Officers, therefore be it *Resolved*, that these brethren be now declared in good standing and thus enable the Grand Officers to grant them the charter applied for.

The Committee on Appeals made the following reports, which were read and on motion adopted:

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania.

The Committee of Appeals in the matter of the complaint of Bro. —— —— against the action of Mountain Lodge, No. 281, respectfully report, that they have carefully examined the statement of the complaining brother with the explanation furnished by the Lodge, and are satisfied that the latter fell into some grave errors, which ought not to be repeated. The election of the two candidates named was certainly in violation of Masonic law and usage, but as this act cannot now be recalled it only remains for the Grand Lodge to express its disapprobation. The provisions of the Ahiman Rezon in regard to the ballot and a reconsideration are very plain and simple and must be observed. They are not to be moulded or avoided for the purpose of defeating fancied or real evils. There seems to have been in this case a succession of mistakes not creditable to the Lodge and well deserving the attention and correction of any of its members. The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution: *Resolved*, that the charges of irregularity mentioned in the appeal in each case are sustained by this Grand Lodge and that Lodge No. 281 be admonished not to allow a repetition of such errors in the future.

JAMES PAGE, CHARLES GILPIN, CHRISTIAN FRISHMUTH.

The following report was read and on motion adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on Appeals to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. —— —— from the proceedings of Ashland Lodge, No. 294, respectfully report, that after giving the parties notice of their intention, and the time and place of meeting to investigate the matter, and having heard what the appellant had to say they did proceed to investigate the same. There did not appear from the statement of the appellant himself anything in the course of the dealings between him and Bro. —— to make the conduct of the latter a proper subject for Masonic inquiry and reproof. The course of proceeding on the part of the Committee of Ashland Lodge seems to have been irregular and unmasonic in not giving the complaining brother notice and opportunity to establish his complaint. Still as no good

can possibly result from a rehearing, the Committee do not feel inclined so to instruct the Lodge. They therefore offer the following resolutions: *Resolved*, that the Grand Secretary be instructed to notify Ashland Lodge that the proceedings of its Committee in the matter of the above complaint were irregular and unmasonic, but inasmuch as no wrong has been done as far as the merits of the case were involved the Grand Lodge deems further action unnecessary. *Resolved*, that the appeal of Bro. —— be dismissed.

JAMES PAGE, CHARLES GILPIN, CHAS. FRISHMUTH.

The following report was read and on motion the resolutions attached were adopted:

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vs.	}	Grand Lodge of Penna.
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To the R. W. Grand Master.

The Committee appointed by you to whom was referred the above case proceeded to investigation of the subject matter. Drew up a paper for the parties contestant to sign. Each agree to abide by the decision of your Committee without which they believed their labors would be in vain. The paper is hereunto annexed marked A. Your Committee held a number of meetings, examined the books, vouchers and papers of the parties litigant, and gave the case a patient and thorough examination and after mature deliberation, they unanimously awarded to Brother —— the sum of ninety-nine $\frac{84}{100}$ dollars, due him on the first day of April last. And in accordance with the above, submit the two resolutions attached.

All of which is very respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH S. RILEY, E. P. LESCURE, H. WEIR WORKMAN.

Resolved, that the above award of the Committee be confirmed. *Resolved*, that the Committee be discharged from any further consideration of the subject.

PHILAD., June 5, 1858.

The following report from the Committee on By-laws was read and adopted:

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report, that they have examined the various By-laws submitted to them and would recommend that the words "a two-thirds vote of the Lodge" be stricken from Art. X of the By-laws of Lodge No. 9, and the words "the concurrence of a majority of the members present," be substituted, and that said By-laws be then approved. That the latter portion of Art. XIII of the By-laws of Lodge No. 71 be stricken out and the following substituted, "may be suspended or expelled after having

received proper notice of said arrears, and of the time when the Lodge proposes to take such action, in case the same are not paid." That the last clause of Art. XVI of said By-laws be stricken out. That Lodge No. 71 be recommended to introduce into their By-laws an article fixing the fees for membership to be paid by brethren joining their Lodge and that said By-laws be approved. That the amendment to the By-laws of Lodge No. 67 be approved. That in the latter portion of Sec. 1, Art. V, of the By-laws of Lodge No. 143, $10 be changed to $20. That a portion of Art. VI of said By-laws be so altered as to read: For Initiation and Membership, $30; for the admission of an Entered Apprentice from another Lodge, $15; for the admission of a Fellow Craft from another Lodge, $10; for the admission of a Master Mason from another Lodge, $5. That to Sec. 1, Art. IX, of said By-laws be added, "*Provided*, that this Lodge shall in no case interfere in a difficulty of a purely monetary character, or endeavor by its influence to coerce payment to a member." That after the words, "suspended or expelled," in Art. X, there be inserted, "having received special and proper notice from the Lodge that at such meeting such action would be taken" and that said By-laws be then approved. That the Amendment to the By-laws of Lodge No. 187 be approved. That the Amendment to the By-laws of Lodge No. 216 be approved. That to Section 12, of the By-laws of Lodge No. 233, be added the words "having first received a special notice from the Lodge of the time fixed for its proposed action in case said arrears should remain unpaid." That from Sec. 19 the words "except for non-payment of dues," and also the words "and in all cases of expulsion two-thirds of the members present are necessary to concur," be stricken out. That the words "two-thirds" be stricken from Sec. 20, and the words "a majority" be substituted and that said By-laws be then approved. That the words, "for the first degree $20, for the second $5, for the third degree $5" be stricken from Sec. 1, Art. V, of the By-laws of Lodge No. 300. That after the words, "suspended or expelled," in Sec. 3, Art. VI, be inserted "having first received special notice from the Lodge of the time fixed for its intended action in case said arrears should remain unpaid." That from Art. XI the words "two-thirds" be stricken out, and "a majority" be substituted, and that said By-laws be then approved. That in Art. XIII of the By-laws of Lodge No. 310 the words "one month" be stricken out and "three months" substituted; that "may" be substituted for "shall;" that all after the word "suspended" be stricken out, and the following substituted: "having first received special and proper notice from the Lodge of the time fixed for its proposed action in case such arrears should remain unpaid." That the words "is perfect" be stricken from Art. XIV, and the words "has made proper proficiency" inserted. That the words "take up" be stricken from Art. XV, and the word "resign" substituted, and that said By-laws be then approved. That to Art. IV, of the By-laws of Lodge No. 316, be added the words "except in elections for

officers." That the words, "and also make out annually a list of those subject to be stricken from the list of members for negligence or refusing to pay their Lodge dues," be stricken from Article V. That Art. XIV be stricken out, and the following substituted: "Any member one year in arrears for dues shall be notified thereof by the Secretary, and should he for three months thereafter neglect or refuse to pay the same the Lodge may by resolution fix on a stated meeting to require his presence and payment of dues under penalty of expulsion, and having given him due and special notice thereof, may on the night appointed in default of payment proceed to expel or suspend him," and that said By-laws be then approved. That from Art. VI of the By-laws of Lodge No. 314 the following be stricken, viz: "for entered apprentice degree, $10; for fellow craft degree, $10; for master mason's degree, $10." That "two-thirds" be stricken from Art. XIII, and "a majority" substituted, and that said By-laws be then approved.

On motion the following named visitors were admitted during the evening: Bros. J. Atlee White, No. 52; Alfred Flanders, No. 67; Robert E. Hackett, No. 72; Henry W. Karcher, Patrick Gibson, John Wade, No. 59; Peter S. Ermold, No. 62; W. H. H. Davis, C. M. Zimmerman, No. 81; Benj. Heiman, No. 126; Jas. L. Ebert, No. 130; Jas. Patterson, No. 155; Wm. H. Weller, No. 114; Asa Park, No. 240; Henry L. Sinexon, No. 295; David M. Boyd, No. 296; Joseph Kerr, No. 47, New Jersey; James Aikman, No. 43, New Jersey; J. B. Creighton, No. 77, Ohio; D. D. Richardson, Tyler G. L., Kentucky; John W. Pruett, No. 4, Kentucky; L. R. Stearns, No. 25, Missouri; Julius Sweich, No. 57, Missouri.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at 10.30 P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 6, 1858, A. L. 5858.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication, held at the Hall, Chestnut street.

Present: Bro. HENRY M. PHILLIPS, R. W. D. G. M., G. M. Bro. John Thomson, R. W. D. G. M. Bro. David C. Skerrett, R. W. S. G. W. Bro. Lucius H. Scott, R. W. J. G. W. Bro. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treas. Bro. Wm. H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty. Bro. Michael Nisbet, D. G. Secty. Bro. E. W. Keyser, S. G. D. Bro. E. P. Lescure, J. G. D. Bro. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. Bro. Matthew Cartwright, G. S. Bearer. Bros. Wm. W. Thomson and Saml. C. Perkins, G. Stewards. Bro. H. L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant. Bros. Josiah Randall, John M. Read, Wm. Barger, James Page, Peter Fritz, and Wm. Whitney, P. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Blackburne, Tallman, Green, Thomas. No. 3, Leddy, King, Thomson, Skerrett, Maguire. No. 9, Dorsey, Leach, Kelly, Booth. No. 19, Hodges, Cummings, Maginnis, Adair, Griscom. No. 25, Scott, Keim. No. 43, Hurst. No. 51, Allen, Whitney.

No. 52, Johnson, Thomson, Day, Ferguson, Wilson, Sr. and Jr. No. 59, Adams, Taylor, Coburn, Macpherson, Sinexon. No. 62, Heller, Taylor. No. 67, Reese, Peirsoll, Wood, Loudenslager, Squibb, Bolt, Baugh, Smith, Martien. No. 71, Schnider. No. 72, Phillips, Thompson, O'Harra, Williams, Barger. No. 81, Fulton. No. 91, Connolly. No. 114, Thomson. No. 115, Heylin, Leigh, Black, Wallis. No. 121, Keyser, Hall. No. 125, Ketterlinus. No. 126, Miller, Nisbet, Bell, Page. No. 130, Brown, Giller, Vanhouten, Easby, Young, Lescure, Riley, Strickland. No. 131, Alkins, Penrose. No. 134, Read, Becker, Williamson. No. 135, Seltzor. No. 152, Porter. No. 155, Fritz, Martin, Woodbury, Miller. No. 158, Oliver, Weatherly, Weatherby, Reneker, Wills. No. 186, Scattergood, Hufty, Boswell, Stevenson. No. 211, Page, Cartwright. No. 221, Hailman. No. 226, Raber. No. 227, Diehl, Durell. No. 230, Christian. No. 242, Lilly. No. 246, Randall, Jones. No. 258, Bond. No. 260, Johnston. No. 274, Dechert, Pedrick, Letford. No. 289, Neall, Phillips, Moore, Davis. No. 295, Gilpin, M'Crory, Yerkes. No. 310, J. W. and H. Royer.

Proxies: Bros. Adams, 138, 251, 282; Williamson, 156; Leach, 263; Thomson, 241; Loudenslager, 285; Thomson, 106; Peterson, 284; Strickland, 227; Baugh, 305.

Fifty-three Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The minutes of Quarterly meeting June 7, 1858, were read and approved.

P. G. Master, Bro. J. Randall offered the following Amendment to the Ahiman Rezon, which was read: *Resolved*, That the 4th Section of the amended Ahiman Rezon titled "Duties of Lodges," page 31, which provides that "Elections, and all other business and work, are done in a Master Mason's Lodge, excepting only such business or work as shall strictly belong to the lesser degrees" be and the same is hereby rescinded and repealed.

Applications for Warrants for new lodges to be held at Mifflin, Indiana Co.; Bradford, McKean Co.; Stroudsburg, Monroe Co., were read and on motion referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

By-laws and Amendments to By-laws were received from Lodges No. 249, 279, 309, 317, 318, 320 and 323 and were referred to Committee on By-laws.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 67, submitting the following amendment to their By-laws, and asking the approval of this Grand Lodge: Section 1, Article I, to read, "The stated meetings shall be on the second Friday in every month except July and August, and in those months when the W. Master shall consider the business requires the same, the hour of meeting not changed." On motion of Bro. Wm. H. Adams the amendment was approved.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 21, asking for the restoration of —— —— to good standing, which was on motion ordered to be entered and filed, and request granted.

Communications were read from Lodges No. 62, 115, 121, 131, 203, 236, 211. On motion ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 130, asking permission to take another ballot in the case of —— ——, a rejected applicant. On motion request was granted.

A communication was read from —— ——, appealing from said action of Lodge No. 236. On motion referred to Committee on Appeals.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 216, asking for assistance in behalf of Bro. —— ——, said brother having suffered a heavy loss by fire. On motion referred to Stewards of Girard Charity Fund.

A communication was read from —— ——, an expelled member of Lodge No. 258, appealing from the action of said Lodge in said expulsion. On motion referred to Committee on Appeals.

The R. W. Grand Secretary presented printed lists of the Grand Officers of the following Grand Lodges:

Canada, New York, Wisconsin and Texas. Also, a printed circular from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi. On motion ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Bro. —— —— setting forth certain charges against Bro. ——, which after considerable discussion was on motion laid on the table.

Bro. Joseph S. Riley offered the following preamble and resolution which was on motion referred to the Committee on Correspondence:

WHEREAS, we see by the published proceedings of the present Grand Lodge of the State of New York that all the former difficulties between the two recent Grand Lodges in that jurisdiction have been amicably arranged and settled, and now there remains no longer any good reason why the fraternal intercourse should not be renewed in all its fullness and freedom. Therefore be it *Resolved*, that all the Lodges in this jurisdiction be relieved from the disability of denying admission to our New York Brethren.

The following report of the Committee of Finance was read and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Finance Committee respectfully report, that they have examined the accounts of Peter Williamson, Esq., R. W. Grand Treasurer, from May 1, to August 2, 1858, compared them with his vouchers, and find them correct, as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last account	$6,541 87
Warrants, dispensations, &c	408 00
Rents of stores	2,291 70
Regalia account	11 17
Dues Lodges, Chapters, &c	2,739 73
	$11,992 47

He has made the following payments:

To the widow of P. G. M. B. Newcomb, by order of the Grand Lodge	$600 00
On orders Hall Committee	884 06
" " Grand Master	706 46
To Trustees of Sinking Fund	500 00
To pay interest on Masonic Loan	3,300 00
Balance on hand Aug. 2d	6,001 95
	$11,992 47

The Hall Committee presented their account and vouchers up to August 2, 1858, which were examined and found correct, showing orders drawn on the Grand Treasurer amounting to three hundred and ninety-eight $\frac{75}{100}$ dollars. The Grand Secretary presented statement of payment of interest on the $110,000 Masonic Loan from the 24th February, 1858, up to the 26th August, 1858, which was examined and found correct.

Recapitulated as follows:

Cash on hand last report	$636 00
Appropriation Grand Lodge	3,300 00
	$3,936 00

Amount paid per receipt Book		$2,731 50
Outstanding uncalled for:		
Interest of July, 1855	$3 00	
" " Jan., 1856	3 00	
" " July, 1856	3 00	
" " Jan., 1857	18 00	
" " July, 1857	18 00	
" " Jan., 1858	288 00	
" " July, 1858	871 50	
		1,204 50
		$3,936 00

The balance of the account or $1,204.50 agrees with the amount in the Grand Secretary's hands to pay the interest on this Loan and is correct. The Grand Secretary then presented a statement of the payment of interest on the $41,000 Loan from February 24, 1858, up to 26th August, 1858, as follows:

Amt. to credit Grand Secretary overpaid	$ 03
Appropriation of Grand Lodge	1,259 71
Leaves balance to pay interest of	$1,259 68
Paid to sundry parties as per Receipt Book	799 50

Outstanding not yet called for:

Interest due Oct. 1, 1857	$31 50
" " April 1, 1858	430 50
Makes an amt. yet due of	$462 00

which agrees with the Grand Secretary's books and is correct. All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. WHITNEY, GEORGE W. HUFTY,
MICHAEL NISBET, JOHN L. GODDARD.

PHILAD., August 28, 1858.

The Committee on Appeals made the following report which was read and resolution attached adopted:

The R. W. the G. Lodge of Penna.

In the matter of the application of Lodge No. 236, the Committee on Appeals respectfully report the following for the adoption of the Grand Lodge: *Resolved*, that the sentence of expulsion pronounced against Bro. —— ——, late a member of said Lodge be and the same is hereby rescinded on its recommendation and that the said Lodge be permitted to receive him as a member upon complying with the requisitions of the Ahiman Rezon.

JAMES PAGE, CHAS. GILPIN.

PHILAD., Sept. 6, 1858.

The Committee on Appeals made the following report which was read and the resolution attached adopted:

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Penna.

In the matter of the appeal of Bro. —— —— of Lodge No. 67, A. Y. M. The Committee on Appeals respectfully report, that they had before them the appellant and also the W. M. of said Lodge and heard their several statements of the facts in regard to which there was little if any variation between them. The only dispute was, as to whether the report of the Committee was or was not in possession of the Lodge at the time a request was made to withdraw the petition. In the judgment of the Committee, soon as the petition and report are handed over on the opening of the Lodge, the papers become the property of the Lodge and must abide its action. There must be some point of time when the custody of the petition is surrendered by the Committee and the control of the Lodge begins, and that was fixed by the Committee in this case when the report was handed to the Secretary of the Lodge, and it was in his possession when the Lodge opened. The power of the Committee over it was then gone. It needed no reading nor action of the Lodge to make the report complete so far as the Committee was concerned. It had passed from their possession, and there could not therefore be "a withdrawal before report made," as is provided by the Ahiman

Rezon. The Committee therefore overrule the appeal and submit the following for the adoption of the Grand Lodge: *Resolved*, that the action of the W. M. of Lodge No. 67 in refusing to permit the withdrawal of a petition for Initiation after report thereon, and the same had been handed to the Secretary of the Lodge, was Masonically correct.

JAMES PAGE, CHARLES GILPIN.

PHILAD., Sept. 6, 1858.

The Committee on Appeals made the following report which was read and on motion the resolution attached adopted:

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Penna.

In the matter of the appeal of Bro. —— —— from the action of Lodge No. 45. The Committee of Appeals respectfully report, that the said Brother made application for Initiation as a member of said Lodge about eight years ago, was reported favorably on, but through the intervention of Bro. —— was rejected, as Bro. —— now admits without cause as he has since ascertained. Nearly two years after this, Bro. —— removed to St. Paul, Minnesota, and there commenced business and was Entered, Passed and Raised in Lodge No. 3, of that place, complying with the Masonic regulations in that Territory. Being unfortunate in business he returned to the city of Pittsburg, and wishing to join a Lodge there found that Lodge No. 45 interposed an objection. He has been permitted to visit all the other Lodges in that city, but No. 45 refused him that permission, although the Brother bringing about the rejection on charges which he afterwards found to be totally erroneous went before the Lodge and acknowledged his mistake, sending a statement to the like effect in writing to this Grand Lodge. Bro. —— brings the strongest recommendation from the W. M.'s of No. 223, 231, 287 and 253 and others as to his character both as a man and as a Mason, so that in point of moral fitness and good standing he is unexceptionable. The Committee in view of these facts recommend the adoption of the following: *Resolved*, that any disability caused by the previous rejection of Bro. —— on the part of Lodge No. 45, be and the same is hereby removed, such rejection having since been ascertained to have been without cause. *Resolved*, that it be recommended to Lodge No. 45, not to persist in refusing to receive the said Brother as a visitor.

J. PAGE, CHARLES GILPIN.

The following report was read, and on motion resolution adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge in June last, there was referred to the undersigned as a Committee the following resolution of Lodge No. 61, at Wilkesbarre, a certified copy of which had been forwarded to the Grand Lodge for its action, to wit:

"On motion duly seconded it was *Resolved*, that this Lodge do petition or recommend to the R. W. Grand Lodge to give position to the following applicants rejected by this Lodge, viz: * * *." This resolution was passed Nov. 30, 1857, and the certified copy is hereto annexed, marked A. As the resolution specified no reason why the Grand Lodge should take the desired action in the premises, it was referred to the present Committee to ascertain the facts in the case and report to the R. W. G. Lodge together with such recommendation as the Committee should deem proper. As early as possible after their appointment the Committee held a meeting; and it was resolved that the Chairman should address a communication to the Lodge asking to be furnished with a statement of the reasons upon which the application to the R. W. Grand Lodge was based. The Chairman accordingly at once addressed to the Secretary of Lodge No. 61 the communication, a copy of which is hereto annexed, marked B. The reply to this communication miscarried in some way and has not been received by the Committee. Subsequently, however, the Chairman and one member of the Committee had opportunities of conference at Wilkesbarre with the W. M., Secretary and several of the members of Lodge No. 61. Upon the return to the city of the Chairman he addressed to the Secretary of the Lodge a second letter of which a copy is hereto annexed, marked C. To this letter a reply was received which is hereto annexed, marked D. This reply contains a duly certified copy of the following resolution which was passed by Lodge No. 61, June 23, 1858, when the communication marked B was laid before it, viz: "WHEREAS, the R. W. G. L. of Penna. by a communication addressed to this Lodge through its committee (asked) for reasons for the granting of said request, therefore *Resolved*, that this Lodge hereby declares all of said persons above named respectable and highly creditable citizens of Luzerne Co., and know no reasons why said persons should not be admitted to the honors of the Fraternity; that we have no knowledge by whom said persons were black-balled, nor any knowledge whether there were more than one black-ball cast against either of said persons." The case thus presented to the Committee affords but little ground for action on the part of the R. W. Grand Lodge. It is known however to many, and the fact is susceptible of proof if necessary, that there has been for a long time a want of harmony among the members of Lodge No. 61, greatly to be deplored and which it is believed has given rise to the difficulty which has led the Lodge to come before the R. W. Grand Lodge with the present application. This want of harmony has led to much misunderstanding, and it is feared sometimes to hasty and ill-judged action upon the part of some of the members, and to unfriendly feelings of some of the brethren towards others. It is believed by the Committee as the result of the personal conferences of two of its members with some members of Lodge No. 61; and the Committee report to the R. W. G. Lodge as a fact in the case, that the rejections in some,

perhaps all, of the instances specified did arise from causes having their origin in the unhappy state of feeling in the Lodge, and not from any unworthiness in the applicants themselves. It was not in the power of the Committee to ascertain with certainty which ones of the individuals named, if any, might be exceptions to the statement, without destroying the whole effect of the resolution and application to the R. W. G. Lodge if they can be followed by any practical effect at all. The resolution and application contemplate that any action that the R. W. G. L. may take shall apply to all those named alike. And the only course which the Committee see the way clear for them to recommend can be adopted, it is respectfully submitted, with equal propriety in all the instances specified. The phraseology of the resolution "to give position," may be perhaps sufficiently indefinite as to admit of such a construction as will meet the exigencies of the case. If it were intended to mean that the R. W. G. L. should so restore the applicants to standing as to remove every disability attached to them by their rejection, and leave them free to make application either to the same or any other Lodge it must be manifest on very slight reflection that it would be highly improper if not utterly beyond the power of the R. W. G. L. to comply with the request. It would be a very dangerous infringement of the sacred right of every Masonic Brother to exercise the privilege of the black-ball. Absolute unanimity in the admission of applicants lies at the very foundation of Masonry. And the force and power of that wise and salutary regulation cannot be rendered nugatory by the arbitrary act of the R. W. G. L. in compliance with the request of a subordinate Lodge, even in the strong case where a resolution to that effect has been passed unanimously at a meeting of the Lodge. If the applicant feels aggrieved by rejection and has reason to believe that it has occurred through unworthy motives or causes, he may, provided the Lodge will recommend him, appeal to the R. W. G. L. as provided by Section 3d of the Constitution. And as this provision affords a full remedy for any wrong done to an applicant by his rejection it would seem to be the only proper and right channel through which the R. W. G. L. could act in such a case. The difficulty may be met however by the R. W. G. L. construing the request as for leave to take another ballot on each of the instances specified in the resolution, such ballot of course to be taken only after due notice to the members of the Lodge. Such action will give to the resolution all the effect which can be given to it. It will infringe the right of no Brother to exercise his privilege of the black-ball, as the ballot will only be taken after due notice to each Brother; if he still holds to his objection and neglects the opportunity to manifest it, he cannot complain. If any of these applicants are unworthy, the ordeal of the ballot box will still have to be met. If through improper motives any of them have been rejected, an opportunity will be afforded to repair the wrong without violating any Masonic principle or infringing the Masonic rights

of any Brother. If the course recommended should be adopted by the R. W. G. L. and its practical benefit be destroyed by the same unhappy state of feeling in Lodge No. 61, it will be cause for continued regret, but the R. W. G. L. cannot be held responsible for the result. The Committee have endeavored to do all in their power to afford Lodge No. 61 relief, and they earnestly hope that the effort may not be altogether without success. In conclusion the Committee respectfully submits the following resolution: *Resolved*, that Lodge No. 61 have permission to take another ballot in the case of each of the applicants specified in their resolution of Nov. 30, 1857, such ballot in each case to be taken at a regular stated meeting of said Lodge after due notice to each and every member that such ballot will be taken.

SAML. C. PERKINS, DANIEL THOMPSON, JOHN BEENKEN,
Committee.

SEPT. 6, 1858.

The Committee on By-laws made the following report, which was read and on motion adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report, that they have examined the several By-laws submitted to them and would recommend that from Sec. 2, Art. I, of the By-laws of Lodge No. 279, all after the words "7 o'clock, P. M." be stricken out and the following substituted, "from the 25th of March to the 25th of September, and at 6 o'clock, P. M. from the 25th of September to the 25th of March;" that from Sec. 1, Art. III, the words "appear to," and also, "or disclose any business transaction in the Lodge," be stricken out; that all between the words "said summons" and "the accused," in same Section be stricken out and the following substituted: "If on the hearing of the case he be proved guilty he may be suspended or expelled;" that the words "decision of the brethren present shall immediately be had as to the punishment to be imposed upon him" be stricken from Sec. 2 of said Article, and the words "charges shall be preferred against him," be substituted; that all after the word "politics" be stricken from Section 3, of same article; that from Sec. 1, Art. IV, all after the word "Pennsylvania" be stricken out; that the word "York" be stricken from Art. V; that from Sec. 1, Art. VI, the words "from the time he is made a Master Mason" be stricken out, and the following substituted: "from one month after the time of his initiation;" that to Sec. 1, Art. VIII, after the word "expelled" be added the words "after having received proper notice of said arrears, and of the time when the Lodge proposes to take action in case the same are not paid;" that from Art. X the 2d and 3d Sections be stricken out, and that form of petition on page 24, the form in the Ahiman Rezon, No. 8, page 96, be substituted, and that said By-laws be then approved. That from Sec. 2, Art. IV, of the By-laws of Lodge No. 309 the word "elected" be

stricken out and the word "approved" be substituted; that the latter part of Sec. 2, Art. V, be stricken out and the following substituted: "he may be suspended or expelled after having received proper notice of said arrears, and of the time when the Lodge proposes to take such action in case the same are not paid;" that the latter portion of Art. VII be stricken out and the following substituted: "the case may require and the laws of Masonry permit," and that said laws be then approved. That the figures "6½" be stricken from Sec. 2, Art. I, of the By-laws of Lodge No. 317, and "6" substituted. That the 4th Section of said Article be stricken out; that the word "Orator" be stricken from Sec. 2, Art. II; that Sec. 6 of Art. IV be stricken out; that in Sec. 1, Art. V, after the word *form* be added "as set forth in the Ahiman Rezon, page 96"; that in Sec. 2 of same Article the word "approved" be substituted for "elected." That Sec. 1, Art. VII, be stricken out and the following substituted: "The fees for conferring degrees and membership shall in all cases be paid in advance and shall be as follows, viz: For conferring the three degrees by dispensation, $20; for Initiation and Membership, $20; for conferring second and third degrees on an E. A. from another Lodge, $12; for conferring third degree on a F. C. from another Lodge, $6; for conferring membership on a M. Mason from another Lodge, $3." That the word "unanimously" be stricken from Sec. 3 of same Article; that to Sec. 4 of said Article be added, "after having given them due and proper notice of such arrears, and of the time when the Lodge proposes to take such action, in case the same are not paid; that the words "a majority" be substituted for "two-thirds" in Sec. 1, Art. XII; that to Art. XIII be added, "These Rules of Order may be dispensed with by the presiding officer should he deem it expedient," and that said By-laws be then approved. That all after the words "Masonic year" be stricken from Sec. 12 of the By-laws of Lodge No. 318, and the following substituted: "Members one year in arrears and who shall neglect or refuse payment thereof may be suspended or expelled after having received proper notice of such arrears, and of the time fixed by the Lodge to take such action in case the same are not paid;" that Sec. 19 be stricken out; that in Sec. 20 the words "a majority" be substituted for "two-thirds," and that said By-laws be then approved. That after the words "in writing" in Sec. 1, Art. IV, of the By-laws of Lodge No. 320, be inserted the words, "as set forth in the Ahiman Rezon, page 96;" that in Sec. 2 of said Article the words, "and qualifications" be inserted after the word "*character*," and the word "approved" be substituted for "elected," and that said By-laws be then approved. That to Sec. 2, Art. I, of the By-laws of Lodge No. 323, be added "from the 25th March to the 25th September, and 6 o'clock from the 25th September to the 25th March;" that after the word Lodge in Art. VI be inserted "and of the Grand Lodge so far as they apply to subordinate Lodges;" that after the word "appointed" in Sec. 7 be inserted, "and make

such faithful returns to the Grand Lodge as is required by the Ahiman Rezon;" that the word "card" be stricken from Sec. 3, Art. XVII, and "certificate" substituted, and that said By-laws be then approved.

WM. H. ADAMS, ROBERT FRAZER, *Committee.*

On motion the following named visitors were admitted during the evening: Bros. Sam'l F. Duffield, No. 9; Chas. Tiel, Galusha H. Johnson, No. 19; H. Clay Beatty, No. 25; Harris Boardman, No. 43; Wm. H. Yeaton, No. 51; Jno. E. Wainwright, No. 52; Wm. M. Nottson, Geo. W. Freed, H. W. Karcher, No. 59; F. P. Heller, R. R. Taylor, No. 62; E. Mustin, John Rutherford, Jr., No. 67; Samuel Price, No. 71; Robt. E. Hackett, No. 72; Richard M. M. Morton, No. 91; Saml. Brown, No. 115; Chalkley Jones, No. 135; David Mintz, No. 155; Thos. McGuire, No. 187; E. A. Kite, No. 190; Henry D. Randall, No. 246; Wm. F. White, No. 289; J. W. Sunderland, No. 310; Chas. A. Grice, No. 100, Virginia; Wm. B. Dodds, No. 2, Ohio; G. J. Beatty, No. 9, Kentucky; John Miller, No. 28, Kentucky; J. H. Hickman, No. 90, Kentucky; Jas. R. Davis, No. 27, California; Chas. Weigandt, Silas Brown, No. 65, Massachusetts.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at 9.15 P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 18, 1858, A. L. 5858.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Grand Communication, held at the Hall, Chestnut street.

Present: Bro. HENRY M. PHILLIPS, R. W. A. G. M. Bro. John Thomson, R. W. D. G. M. *p. t.* Bro. David C. Skerrett, R. W. S. G. W. *p. t.* Bro. Richard Vaux, R. W. J. G. W. *p. t.* Bro. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treas. Bro. Wm. H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty. Bro. Geo. W. Wood, D. G. Secty, *p. t.* Bro. E. W. Keyser, S. G. D. Bro. John L. Goddard, J. G. D. Bro. J. Loudenslager, G. Marshal. Bro. Jas. Ferguson, G. S. Bearer. Bros. Wm. W. Thomson and Danl. Thompson, G. Stewards. Bro. H. L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant. Bro. Peter Williamson, P. G. Master. Bro. James M. Porter, D. D. G. Master.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Green. No. 3, Thomson, Maguire, Skerrett, Brewer, Wester. No. 9, Wright, Kelly, Mackay. No. 19, Griscom, Wright, Cummings, Hodges, Adair. No. 25, Scott. No. 43, Howell. No. 51, Thomson. No. 52, Day, Wilson, Sr. and Jr., Ramsey, Ferguson. No. 59, Davenport, Macpherson, Adams, Taylor, Coburn. No. 67, Simon, Reese, Wood, Loudenslager. No. 71, Frismuth. No. 72, Thompson, Williams, Ashton, Phillips, White, Potter, Chase. No. 91, Barry. No. 114, Clark, Thomson, Boyd, Hamill, Stevenson. No. 115, Heylin, Humes, Parker, Schaffer, Suplee, Black. No. 121, Treadwell, Peterson, Vaux, Keyser, Hall. No. 125, Peeler, Ketterlinus, Remak, Garrigues, Muckle. No. 130, Kirkpatrick, Easby, Lescure, Riley, Vanhouten. No. 131, Matlack, Moore, Alkins. No. 134, Goddard, Becker, Williamson, Roney. No. 152, Porter. No. 153, Porter. No. 155, Woodbury, Miller, Collins, Bacon. No. 158, Reneker, Weatherby. No. 186, Stevenson,

Hufty, Begley, Boswell, Scattergood, Russell. No. 187, Neill, Purves. No. 211, Page, Peak, Cartwright. No. 227, Diehl. No. 230, Christian, Brittain, Mather, Graeff. No. 236, Larkin. No. 245, Carr, Bryan. No. 246, Jones. No. 271, Atkinson. No. 274, Sears, Letford, Pedrick, Goddard. No. 282, Crawford, Lloyd. No. 294, McKibben. No. 302, Palmer.

Proxies: Bros. Adams, 138, 251; Williamson, 156; Thomson, 241; Loudenslager, 285; Thomson, 106; Peterson, 284.

Forty-four Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in Due Form at 6½ o'clock, P. M.

By-laws and Amendments to By-laws were received from Lodges No. 194, 249, 258, and 281, which were referred to Committee on By-laws.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 45, asking permission to take another ballot on the following named applicants: * * *. On motion said request was granted, each member to be notified.

Communications were read from Lodges No. 52, 125, 131, 187, 197, 216, 221, 256, 258, 271, 283. On motion ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 114, in relation to granting a certificate to —— ——, who had been suspended and restored to good standing and who was afterwards rejected as an applicant for membership. On motion referred to Committee on Landmarks.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 138, asking permission to take another ballot in the case of —— ——, a rejected applicant for Initiation and Membership. On motion said request was granted with the usual condition of notice to the members.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 164, asking the Grand Lodge to restore to good Masonic standing —— ——, who had been suspended for unmasonic conduct. On motion said request was granted.

A printed communication in relation to the Grand Lodge of Canada, signed Philip C. Tucker, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, and Rob. Morris, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, was received, and on motion referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

A bill for Printing was received from King & Baird, amounting to $212.60, which was on motion ordered to be paid.

Printed communications from the Grand Lodge of the State of New York were received and on motion referred to the Committee of Correspondence. A printed circular was received from the Grand Lodge of Illinois, setting forth the Grand Officers elected in October of the present year. Referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

The following report of the Committee on By-laws was read and on motion adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on By-laws respectfully report, that they have examined the By-laws submitted to them and would recommend that the first sentence be stricken from Sec. 3, Art. II, of the By-laws of

Lodge No. 194. That Sec. 2, Art. XI, be stricken out and the following substituted: "Any brother one year in arrears shall be notified thereof by the Secretary, should he neglect or refuse payment the Lodge may at the next or any subsequent stated meeting pass a resolution to notify the brother that if he does not pay his arrears on or before a stated meeting therein named he shall be suspended or expelled. Should the dues not be paid by the meeting specified the Lodge may pass a vote of suspension or expulsion, proof having first been made of the indebtedness and the service of notice." That the word "elected" be stricken from Sec. 1, Art. IV, and the word "approved" substituted. And that said By-laws be then approved. That in Art. IX of the By-laws of Lodge No. 249, the words "and qualifications" be inserted after the word character. That the words "or expelled" be inserted in Art. XII after the word "suspended" and to said Article be added, "after having received due notice of said arrears and of the time fixed for said action if said arrears are not paid." That the words "in writing" be inserted in Art. XV after the word "intention." That the word "card" be stricken from Article XV and the word "certificate" substituted. And that said By-laws be then approved. That the latter portion of Sec. 1, Art. I, of the By-laws of Lodge No. 258 be stricken out and the following substituted: "on and from the 25th of September to the 25th of March the hour of meeting shall be six o'clock P. M., and on and from the 25th of March to the 25th of September, seven o'clock." That to Sec. 2 be added the words, "This order of business may be dispensed with by the presiding officer." That the word "demitted" be stricken out from Sec. 1, Art. II, and the word "resigned" substituted. That the words "as follows" with all that succeeds it in Sec. 2, Art. IV, and also Secs. 3, 4, 5, and 6 be stricken out and the words "conducted according to the rules regulating the election of Grand Officers," be substituted. That the words "place of nativity" be stricken from Sec. 1, Art. VI. That all of said Sec. 1, Art. VI, after the words "balloted for" be stricken out. That Art. VII, Sec. 1, be stricken out and the following substituted, viz: "The fees for conferring degrees and for membership shall in all cases be paid in advance, and shall be as follows, viz: For conferring the three degrees by dispensation, $20; for Initiation and Membership, $20; for membership conferred on an E. Apprentice from another Lodge, $15; for membership conferred on a Fellow Craft from another Lodge, $10; for membership conferred on a Master Mason from another Lodge, $5. That Sec. 2, Art. VII, be stricken out and the following substituted: "A brother Master Mason desirous of becoming a member of this Lodge must apply by petition as in the case of an application for initiation and membership; but no application for membership shall be received from any Mason until he shall have produced a certificate of having discharged his dues to the Lodge to which he formerly belonged, unless satisfactory reasons shall be given why such certificate cannot be produced." That all after the word "dues" be stricken from Sec. 1, Art. IX, and the fol-

lowing substituted: "Any brother one year in arrears shall be notified thereof by the Secretary, should he neglect or refuse payment the Lodge may at the next or any subsequent stated meeting pass a resolution to notify the brother that if payment be not made on or before a stated meeting named in the resolution he shall be suspended or expelled. Should the dues not be paid by the meeting specified the Lodge may pass a vote of suspension or expulsion, proof having first been made of the indebtedness and the service of notice." That all after the words "current quarter" be stricken from Sec. 1, Art. XI. That Sec. 3, Art. XII, be stricken out. That the words "nor shall any brother disclose to another or to the Lodge how he voted or will vote," be stricken from Sec. 5, Art. XII. That Sec. 5, Art. XIV, be stricken out. That the words "of two-thirds" be stricken from Sec. 6, Art. XIV. And that said By-laws be then approved. That from Sec. 2, Art. I, of the amendments to the By-laws of Lodge No. 281, the figure "7" be stricken out and the word "six" substituted, and that in same section the figures "7½" be stricken out and the word "seven" substituted. That the words "withdrawal cards" be stricken from Sec. 2, Art. III, and "Lodge certificates" substituted. That after the word "petition" in Sec. 1, Art. IV, the words "in writing" be inserted. That Sec. 3, Art. VI, be stricken out and the following substituted: "Any brother one year in arrears shall be notified thereof by the Secretary, should he neglect or refuse payment the Lodge may at the next or any subsequent stated meeting pass a resolution to notify the brother that if payment be not made on or before a stated meeting named in the resolution he shall be suspended or expelled. Should the dues not be paid by the meeting specified, the Lodge may pass a vote of suspension or expulsion, proof having first been made of the indebtedness and the service of the notice. That the first sentence of Sec. 4, Art. VI, (beginning with the word "Brethren" and ending with the word "elected") be stricken out, and the clause of the Ahiman Rezon on page 36, beginning with the words "A brother who has been suspended" and ending with the word "elected" be substituted. That the last sentence of said Sec. 4, Art. VI, be stricken out. That the words "two-thirds" be stricken from Art. XI, and "a majority" substituted. That the words "two-thirds" be stricken from Art. XIII, and "a majority" substituted. And that said By-laws be then approved. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed by the COMMITTEE.

The R. W. Grand Master stated that one of the District Deputy G. Masters had asked his opinion and advice on the question of what constituted a favorable report upon an application for Initiation and Membership; whether or not it required a unanimous report or a majority of the Committee of Inquiry merely. This question he preferred should be answered by the Grand Lodge so that their decision might furnish a precedent and that future action be uniform and he therefore submitted it to the Grand Lodge; whereupon, it

was on motion *Resolved*, that the subject be referred to the Committee on Landmarks.

On motion the following named visitors were admitted during the evening: Bros. John W. Logan, Theodore Anderson, No. 3; Chas. Till, Benj. F. Karrick, No. 19; Chas. P. Warner, John Rutherford, Jr., No. 67; D. R. Ashton, No. 72; Richard M. Morton, No. 9; Wm. C. Harris, T. L. Burlingham, No. 114; W. D. McKibbin, No. 121; Geo. Armstrong, John W. Gaskins, P. B. Spear, John B. Squeers, No. 131; Geo. Ervin, No. 158; Jas. D. Carlisle, No. 186; Robert Craig, No. 187; Samuel Sutton, Jr., No. 222; John R. Gaskins, No. 295; Dan'l Calhoun, No. 17, Jersey City; Sam'l Haislet, Boston, Mass.; Austin Howard, No. 21, Vermont; Geo. P. Cummings, No. 340, Barbadoes, W. I.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at 8 o'clock P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 6, 1858, A. L. 5858.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication, held at the Hall, Chestnut street.

Present: Bro. HENRY M. PHILLIPS, R. W. A. G. M. Bro. John Thomson, R. W. D. G. M. *p. t.* Bro. David C. Skerrett, R. W. S. G. W. *p. t.* Bro. Wm. English, R. W. J. G. W. *p. t.* Bro. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treas. Bro. William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty. Bro. George H. Ashton, D. G. Secty. Bro. Elhanan W. Keyser, S. G. D. Bro. Daniel Thompson, J. G. D. Bro. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. Bro. James Simpson, G. S. Bearer. Bros. Joseph T. Thomas and Wm. W. Thomson, G. Stewards. Bro. H. L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant. Bros. Jas. Hutchinson, James Page, A. Bournonville, Wm. Whitney, James Harper, Wm. Barger, Josiah Randall, John M. Read, and Peter Fritz, P. G. Masters. Bros. Marsh, Howell, Larkin, Bull, Craft, Porter, Scott, Hailman, Irvine, Lloyd, Armor, McCabe, Brown, and Johnson, D. D. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Green, Moseley, Graham, Robertson, Maguire, Wiler, Blackburne, Grout, Thomas. No. 3, Brewer, Maguire, Skerrett, English, Leddy, Bilger, Wester, Martin, Padmore, Webb, King, Thomson, Kerr, Colladay, Hatfield. No. 9, Kelly, Dorsay, Booth, Leach. No. 19, Murphy, Wright, Thomas, Cook, Griscom, Adair, Cummings, Childs, Master, Park, Hodges. No. 21, Muench, Lamberton, Gordon. No. 25, Vanzandt, Scott, Dungan, Keim, Riché, Kinsey, Knight, O'Brien, Dorrance. No. 43, Howell, Wentz, Gormley, Spencer, Hurst, McCalla. No. 45, Cooper. No. 51, Read, Workman, Allen, Howell, Whitney, Thomson, Johnson. No. 52, Day, Hoopes, Wilson, James, Simons, Wilson, Sr. and Jr., Ferguson, Ramsey. No. 59, Coburn, Macpherson, Sinexon, Kneass, Jayne, J. L. Taylor, Adams, Campbell, Davenport, G. L. Taylor. No. 61, Lewis, Harvey, Pierce, Pettibone. No. 62, Hawman, Heister. No. 67, Griffith, Field, Simons, Dunn, Reese, Deklyne, Hutchinson, Martien, Weeks, Hemphill, Bolt, Van

Osten, Wood, Loudenslager, Wagner, McGrath, Simpson, Hutchinson, Smith, Baugh. No. 71, Hancock, Johnson, Jones, Golden, Bambrey, Hutchinson, Levering, Bladen, Frishmuth, Schnider. No. 72, Potter, O'Harra, Thompson, Williams, Phillips, West, Barger, Ashton, White. No. 81, Piper, Johnson, Miles. No. 91, Connelly, Badger, Barr, Mallery, Krider, Hinchman. No. 108, Bull. No. 114, Harper, Clark, Hamm, Thomson, Stevenson, Stokely, Spackman, Baxter, Hamill, Krider. No. 115, McCloud, Heylin, Beenken, Heimberger, Black, Parker, Hibbs, Schaeffer, Humes, Suplee. No. 121, Prevost, Keyser, Hall, Vaux, Peterson, Dolby, Foering, See, Treadwell. No. 125, Ziegler, Batzig, Peeler, Garrigues, Wollenweber, Ketterlinus, Bournonville, Remak, Maag, Muckle. No. 126, Page, Nisbet, Whetham, Jackson, Miller. No. 130, Strickland, Logue, Easby, Chandler, Piper, Young, Lescure, Riley, Stokes, Kirkpatrick, Vanhouten, Wattson. No. 131, Moore, Penrose, Alkins. No. 134, King, Roney, Dusenbery, Stocker, Jackson, Murphy, Goddard, Williamson. No. 135, Hyneman, Evans, Dilks, Zeltzer, Ledward, McGregor, McCully. No. 143, Stoner, Schafhirt. No. 152, Porter, Green. No. 155, Wilkinson, Waters, Glenn, Allen, Curtis, Fritz, Hedges, Gowie, Miller, Bacon, Martin, Coleman, Woodbury, Collins. No. 156, Sides, Smedley. No. 158, Sinn, Rickards, Wetherly, Jones, Taylor, Reneker, McKinley, Weatherby, Oliver, Shields, Baird. No. 186, Homer, Lewis, Boswell, Begley, Scattergood, Pollock, Brown, Little, Ziegler, O'Farrell, Hufty, Gaskill, Smith. No. 187, Simpson, Parsons, Loeser, Purves, Albertson, Hahn, Frost. No. 190, Cornman, Kite, Johnson, Brown, Roberts, Zimmerman. No. 199, Beardsley. No. 211, Lee, Page, Warthman, Dickinson, Cartwright, Leonard. No. 221, Wilson, Hailman. No. 227, Lowe, Diehl, Durell, McLean. No. 230, Brittain, Christian, Mathers, Taylor, Wallace. No. 233, Ensign. No. 236, Holmes, Larkin. No. 238, McCabe. No. 242, Wolf, Broadhead, Lilly, Skeer, Struthers, Price, Houston. No. 245, James, Sherer, Riale, Rich. No. 246, Randall, Wildey, Boileau, Jones, Hyneman. No. 249, Gore, Baker. No. 253, Roberts. No. 254, Moore. No. 263, Edwards, Dusenbery. No. 265, Knapp. No. 266, Bentz. No. 268, Armor. No. 270, Zulick. No. 271, Atkinson, Magee, Reinstine, Kingsbury, Slemmer. No. 274, Letford, Hornor, Dechert, Sears. No. 282, Lloyd. No. 283, Wetherill, Bartlet. No. 285, Getz. No. 286, Wolfe, Kaufman. No. 289, Neall, Phillips, Gwyn, Davis, Loughead. No. 291, Oakford. No. 295, Yerkes, McCrory. No. 296, Roberts, Harper. No. 307, Schonour, Oberly. No. 309, Beale, Evans. No. 314, Barnhart. No. 320, Gilds. No. 322, Bailey, Jeffries. No. 323, Marsh. No. 324, Mickey. No. 325, Jackson, DeYoung. No. 326, Rupp.

The following Lodges were represented by Proxies: No. 22, W. Whitney; No. 60, A. Bournonville; No. 106, W. W. Thomson; No. 138, W. H. Adams; No. 144, C. F. Knapp; No. 163, James Simpson; No. 164, Wm. Barger; No. 194, R. P. King; No. 197, C. C. Williams; No. 216, M. R. Muckle; No. 220, A. M. Lloyd; No. 222, Jas. Page; No. 223, Peter Fritz; No. 226, Jos. S. Riley; No. 231, Jas. Herdman; No. 232, Jer. Hutchinson; No. 234, Harman Yerkes; No. 237, Wm.

Barger; No. 240, Wm. Curtis; No. 241, Geo. Thomson; No. 251, Wm. H. Adams; No. 254, Geo. H. Oliver; No. 258, Harman Baugh; No. 259, Geo. Smith; No. 261, Wm. Leach; No. 262, J. C. Yeager; No. 265, Wm. English; No. 269, R. R. Roberts; No. 272, G. W. Hall; No. 275, Geo. H. Ashton; No. 276, Geo. F. Lewis; No. 281, Geo. W. Hufty; No. 288, Jas. Herdman; No. 297, Wm. Barger; No. 301, Wm. Leach; No. 305, Harman Baugh; No. 312, Geo. H. Ashton; No. 317, Geo. H. Bull; No. 291, P. B. Goddard.

The following Lodges were represented by members but omitted in the list furnished by the Grand Tyler: No. 218, Smethers; No. 219, Wickersham; No. 244, R. E. Brown; No. 250, J. M. Irvine; No. 260, H. M. Johnson; No. 267, J. B. Ziebach; No. 287, Herdman, Tindle; No. 75, Vanderslice.

One hundred and nineteen Lodges represented, eighty-one by Members and thirty-eight by Proxies.

The following Lodges were represented by Jewels, the certificates of which were read by the Grand Secretary and approved: No. 19, C. T. Wright, for J. W. No. 21, R. L. Muench, for J. W.; I. J. Jordan, for S. W. No. 45, S. B. Cooper, for S. and J. W. No. 61, E. B. Harvey, for S. W.; S. D. Lewis, for J. W. No. 62, H. R. Hawman, for W. M. and S. W. No. 108, G. H. Bull, for W. M., S. W., and J. W. No. 135, J. Ledward, for S. W. No. 143, H. S. Stoner, for S. W. No. 218, J. Smethers, for W. M., S. W., and J. W. No. 219, S. M. Wickersham, for W. M., S. W., and J. W. No. 227, W. W. Diehl, for S. W. No. 233, L. B. Ensign, for W. M., S. W., and J. W. No. 238, G. H. McCabe, for W. M., S. W., and J. W. No. 242, Jas. Houston, for J. W. No. 244, R. E. Bowen, for W. M., S. W., and J. W. No. 249, W. R. Baker, for S. W. and J. W. No. 250, J. M. Irvine, for W. M., S. W., and J. W. No. 253, R. B. Roberts, for W. M., S. W., and J. W. No. 260, H. M. Johnson, for W. M., S. W., and J. W. No. 265, C. F. Knapp, for W. M., S. W., and J. W. No. 266, P. Bentz, for W. M., S. W., and J. W. No. 267, J. B. Ziebach, for S. W. and J. W. No. 268, Jas. Armor, for W. M., S. W., and J. W. No. 270, T. C. Zulick, for W. M., S. W., and J. W. No. 282, A. M. Lloyd, for W. M. No. 283, N. Bartlett, for W. M., S. W., and J. W. No. 286, C. S. Kauffman, for S. W. No. 287, Alex. Tindle, for W. M., S. W., and J. W. No. 291, R. A. Oakford, for W. M. and S. W. No. 309, H. A. Beale, for J. W. No. 314, Thos. Barnhart, for S. W. and J. W. No. 322, J. P. Jeffries, for J. W. No. 323, N. F. Marsh, for S. W. and J. W. No. 325, A. R. Jackson, for J. W. No. 326, B. Rupp, for S. W. and J. W.

The Grand Lodge opened in Due Form at 6.30 o'clock, P. M.

Communications were read from the following Lodges: No. 144, appointing Bro. C. F. Knapp proxy for said Lodge; No. 220, appointing Bro. A. M. Lloyd proxy for said Lodge; No. 234, appointing Bro. H. Yerkes proxy for said Lodge; No. 258, appointing Bro. H. Baugh proxy for said Lodge; No. 269, appointing Bro. R. B. Roberts proxy for said Lodge; No. 272, appointing Bro. Geo. W. Hall proxy for said

Lodge; No. 305, appointing Bro. H. Baugh proxy for said Lodge; No. 317, appointing Bro. Geo. H. Bull proxy for said Lodge.

On motion duly made and seconded, the foregoing communications were ordered to be filed, and said Brethren acknowledged as proxies.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed the following named brethren tellers:

For votes by members, Bros. Wm. Whitney, N. F. Marsh, Gustavus Remak.

For votes by proxies, Bros. R. A. Lamberton, Geo. P. Little, Wm. Curtis.

For votes by jewels, Bros. H. Yerkes, Jos. S. Riley, R. B. Roberts.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to a ballot. After report of the Tellers, the R. W. Grand Master announced the following Brethren elected to their respective offices for the ensuing Masonic year: Bros. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. G. M.; John Thomson, R. W. D. G. M.; David C. Skerrett, R. W. S. G. W.; Lucius H. Scott, R. W. J. G. W.; Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treas.; William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty.

Trustees of the New Masonic Loan: Bros. William Badger, Philip R. Howard, Wm. English, James Shields, Fredk. Lennig.

Trustees of the Girard Bequest: Bros. Saml. H. Perkins, A. Bournonville, James Hutchinson, David Boyd, David Jayne.

Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund: Bros. John Wilson, Sr., Wm. S. Black, Joseph S. Riley, William English, Angus N. Macpherson.

Bro. Wm. English presented a report of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, and asked that it be referred to the Committee of Finance. The Grand Master stated that if no objection were offered, it would be so referred. There being no objections the Grand Master directed it to be so referred.

The following is an extract from said report:

STATEMENT I.

William English, President of Trustees, in account with the Grand Lodge Charity Fund.

1857.	Dr.					
Jan. 13,	To cash, per James Kelly, President Trustees, 1856..					$225 34
	To cash, per contributions from Lodge					
				No. 3,	$241 00	
	"	"	"	" 9,	134 00	
	"	"	"	" 51,	146 00	
	"	"	"	" 59,	65 00	
	"	"	"	" 72,	154 00	
	"	"	"	" 115,	110 00	
	"	"	"	" 130,	123 00	
	"	"	"	" 155,	258 00	
						1,231 00

To cash, per interest on contributions of Grand Lodge	$360 00	
To cash, per interest on Masonic Loans	396 00	
" " mortgage on lot, Germantown	192 00	
" " deposits in Saving Fund	23 24	
		$971 24
" donation from Girard Mark Lodge, No. 214		25 00
		$2,452 58

Cr.

By cash paid Treasurer Board of Almoners		$1,150 00
" balance in Saving Fund	$1,222 58	
" " President's hands	80 00	
		1,302 58
		$2,452 58

SUPPLEMENTARY ACCOUNT.

1858. Dr.

Jan. 1, To balance	$1,302 58
Feb. 26, To cash per James Kelly, late President Trustees, balance of account	79 58
	$1,382 16

Cr.

Mar. 10, By cash paid Treasurer Board of Almoners	$500 00
May 20, " " " " "	300 00
Nov. 29, By balance in Six-Penny Saving Fund	582 16
	$1,382 16

STATEMENT II.

Showing the total receipts and payments of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, from October 1, 1855, to December 31, 1857.

Receipts.

To balance from John Bradley, Treasurer former Trustees,		$120 47
To contributions from Lodge No. 2	$153 00	
" " " " 3	488 00	
" " " " 9	254 00	
" " " " 51	276 00	
" " " " 52	331 00	
" " " " 59	124 00	

To contributions from Lodge No. 71	$117 00	
" " " " 72	295 00	
" " " " 115	208 00	
" " " " 130	363 00	
" " " " 155	527 00	
" " " " 289	64 00	
		$3,200 00
" interest on contributions of Grand Lodge	$540 00	
" " " Masonic Loans	805 42	
" " " mortgage on lot, Germantown	384 00	
" " " Deposits in Saving Fund	33 69	
		1,763 11
" donations from Girard Mark Lodge, No. 214	$75 00	
" " " Jerusalem H. R. A. Chapter, No. 3	50 00	
		125 00
		$5,208 58

PAYMENTS.

By purchase of Masonic Loan, prior to Dec. 31, 1855		$500 00
" books, stationery, printing, &c		76 45
" Almoners, for distribution, 3 months, 1855		350 00
" " " " year 1856		1,749 97
" " " " " 1857		1,150 00
" cash balance in Saving Fund	$1,222 58	
" " " President's hands	80 00	
" " " Late President's hands	79 58	
		1,382 16
		$5,208 58

STATEMENT III.

Showing the amount for investment on account of Grand Lodge Charity Fund, from Contributions of Grand Lodge and Subordinate Lodges, and Donations and the Interest thereon. Also the amount invested from October 1, 1851, to December 31, 1857, and the balance due said account January 5, 1858.

DR.

To amount due by Grand Lodge contributions, 3 years, at $3,000	$9,000 00
" 25 per cent. on $3,200, contributions of Subordinate Lodges, from October 1, 1855, to December 31, 1857	800 00
" 25 per cent. on $330, contributions due by Lodges Nos. 2 and 71	82 50
" donations by Girard Mark Lodge, No. 214	75 00
" " Jerusalem H. R. A. Chapter, No. 3	50 00

To average interest on donations by Girard M. Lodge, at 5 per cent.	$4 38
" interest on donation by Chapter No. 3, one year, at 5 per cent.	2 50
	$10,014 38

Cr.

By amount invested in Masonic Loans, prior to December 31, 1855	500 00
Balance due Investment account	$9,514 38

STATEMENT IV.

Showing the Investments on account of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, the amount due thereto, and the total of said Fund, December 31, 1857.

Six per cent. Masonic Loans, interest payable January and July	$6,350 00
Six per cent. Masonic Loans, interest payable April and October	500 00
Six per cent. Mortgage, Germantown, interest payable 19th March and September	3,200 00
	$10,050 00
Amount due Investment account, as per Statement 3	9,514 38
Total, Grand Lodge Charity Fund	$19,564 38

STATEMENT V.

Showing the amounts due the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, January 1, 1858, exclusive of contributions due by the Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodges for the current year.

Contribution of Lodge No. 2, due October 1, 1857	$172 00
" " " 71, " "	158 00
Interest on mortgage at Germantown, due Sept. 19, 1857	96 00
" contribution of Grand Lodge, due October 1, 1857	540 00
" Masonic Loans, due October 1, 1857	15 50
" " " January 1, 1858	190 00
Total	$1,171 50

STATEMENT VI.

Showing the amount for distribution by the Board of Almoners, for the year ending December 31, 1858, exclusive of the Contributions of Lodges for the current year.

Cash balance as per Statement 2	$1,382 16
Contributions of Lodge No. 2, due October 1, 1857	172 00
" " " 71, " "	158 00
Interest on contributions of Grand Lodge, $9,000, due October 1, 1857	540 00
Interest on mortgage at Germantown, due Sept. 19, 1857	96 00
" " " " " Mar. 19, 1858	96 00
" " " " " Sept. "	96 00
" Masonic Loans, due January 1, 1858	190 50
" " " April "	15 00
" " " July "	190 50
" " " October "	15 00
	$2,951 16
Deduct amount due Investment account, as per statement 3	514 38
Balance for distribution	$2,436 78

On motion a number of visiting brethren, from the country, were admitted during the evening, who took their seats in the gallery.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at 12.30 o'clock.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20, 1858, A. L. 5858.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Grand Communication, held at the Hall, Chestnut street.

Present: Bro. JOHN THOMSON, R. W. S. G. W. as R. W. G. M. Bro. D. C. Skerrett, R. W. J. G. W. as R. W. D. G. M. Bro. Lucius H. Scott, R. W. S. G. W. *p. t.* Bro. Joseph S. Riley, R. W. J. G. W. *p. t.* Bro. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treas. Bro. Wm. H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty. Bro. Michael Nisbet, D. G. Secty. Bro. E. W. Keyser, S. G. D. Bro. H. C. Howell, J. G. D. Bro. J. Loudenslager, G. Marshal. Bro. James Simpson, G. S. Bearer. Bros. Wm. W. Thomson and Edw. P. Lescure, G. Stewards. Bro. H. L. Peterson, G. Pursuivant. Bros. Randall, Page, Fritz, Whitney, P. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 3, Skerrett, English, Maguire, Wester, Brewer, Thomson. No. 19, Master. No. 25, Scott. No. 51, Thomson, Johnson, Howell, Whitney, Workman. No. 52, Wilson, Sr. and Jr. No. 59, Adams, J. L. and G. L. Taylor, Coburn. No. 67, Simpson, Reese, Wood, Loudenslager, Smith, Dunn, Martien, Field, Bolt. No. 71, Frismuth. No. 72, Williams, White, Thompson. No. 81, Piper. No. 114, Clark, Thomson. No. 115, Heylin, Parker, Leigh. No. 121, Vaux, Peterson, Prevost. No. 126, Nisbet, Bell, Page, Whetham. No. 130, Riley, Lescure, Strickland, Kirkpatrick, Stokes. No. 131, Alkins. No. 134, Williamson, Murphy, Becker. No. 155, Allen, Fritz. No. 158,

Reneker, Wills, Yeager, Weatherby, Shields. No. 186, Boswell, Pollock, Scattergood, Hufty, Begley, Gaskill, Russell, Stevenson. No. 187, Purves. No. 190, Cornman. No. 211, Page, Dorlan, Hall, Cartwright. No. 230, Wallace, Christian, Brittain. No. 236, Holmes. No. 246, Randall, Hyneman. No. 254, Stout. No. 271, Neall, Atkinson. No. 274, Goddard, Dechert, Pedrick. No. 289, Davis. No. 295, Gilpin, Coleman, McCrory.

Proxies: No. 22, Whitney; No. 106, Thomson; No. 138, Adams; No. 163, Simpson; No. 197, Williams; No. 222, Page; No. 223, Fritz; No. 226, Riley; No. 241, Thomson; No. 251, Adams; No. 262, Yeager; No. 265, English; No. 281, Hufty.

Forty-four Lodges represented, thirty-one by Members and thirteen by Proxy.

The Grand Lodge opened in Form at 6¼ o'clock, P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of Sept. 6, and of the Extra Communication of Nov. 18, were read and approved.

The following report of the Committee of Finance was read and on motion the resolution attached adopted:

The Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge respectfully report, that at the Quarterly Communication in June last, the communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia recommending the coöperation and assistance of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in the purchase of Mt. Vernon by the Mt. Vernon Ladies' Association, and also a resolution adopted by Lodge No. 186 calling the attention of the Grand Lodge to the above communication and urging its favorable consideration were both referred to your Committee to consider and report. The object of the Mt. Vernon Ladies' Association is so well known, has been so frequently before the community that it needs no explanation from the Committee. The character, life and history of our Illustrious Brother George Washington are familiar as household words, his memory is still so cherished, that he lives in the hearts of his countrymen, your Committee think it unnecessary to make any comments upon the project presented by these communications and think they will best perform the duty assigned them when in consideration of the present financial condition of the Grand Lodge, the large amount of outstanding indebtedness they recommend the adoption of the following resolution: *Resolved*, that in consideration of the heavy responsibilities of the Grand Lodge, the recommendation of the Grand Lodge of Virginia to coöperate in the purchase of Mt. Vernon by the Mt. Vernon Ladies' Association be respectfully declined. All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. WHITNEY, JOHN L. GODDARD,
ROBERT CLARK, GEO. W. HUFTY.
MICHAEL NISBET,

The following report of the Committee of Finance was read and approved:

The Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge respectfully report, that they have examined the account of the Treasurer of the Trustees

of the Masonic Loan compared it with his vouchers, and found it correct, showing a balance of cash of $62.38. These Trustees have purchased during the past year $14,400 of the Masonic Loan as an investment, which with $11,700 purchased before, makes an amount of $26,100 of the Loan standing in the names of these Trustees. The Committee then examined the accounts and vouchers of the Hall Committee up to 20 November, 1858, showing orders drawn on the Grand Treasurer amounting to $535.79. The Chairman of the Trustees of the Girard Bequest presented their accounts and vouchers made up to the 15th November, '58, which were examined and found correct showing a balance in their hands of $822. He also presented certificates of investments which were also examined and found to agree with their account. The Committee then examined the account of the Treasurer of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund, commencing January 8, 1858, up to November 25, 1858, compared them with his vouchers and found them correct, showing balance of cash in his hands of $315. Examined the account of the Treasurer of the Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund up to November 25, 1858, and found them correct, showing balance in his hands of $44.65.

Then examined the account of Peter Williamson, R. W. Grand Treasurer, compared it with his vouchers and found it correct, as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance last account	$6,001 95
Warrants, dispensations, &c	530 75
Rents of stores	2,916 71
Dues from Lodges, &c	2,391 17
	$11,840 58

PAYMENTS.

Orders Hall Com	$524 21
" Grand Master	152 50
" Trustees Masonic Loan	5,010 00
Interest on Loan	1,231 82
Insurance	200 00
Trustees G. L. C. Fund	540 00
G. Secretary	376 25
Balance on hand	3,805 80
	$11,840 58

They also examined and vouched the accounts of the R. W. Grand Secretary of payments of Interest on Masonic Loan. On the Loan for $110,000:

Balance per last report	$1,240 50
Amt. paid since up to Dec. 2, '58	573 00
Remaining in his hands	$631 50

This is correct and agrees with the books of the Gr. Secretary.

Of the interest on the $41,000 Loan, the balance in hand per last report was	$462 00
Appropriation to pay interest	1,230 00
Makes an amount of	$1,692 00
Amounts paid per receipt book	1,375 50
Leaves in his hands the balance of	$316 50

Which agrees with his accounts and is correct. All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. WHITNEY, JOHN L. GODDARD,
GEO. W. HUFTY, ROBT. CLARK.
MICHAEL NISBET,

PHILAD., December 2, 1858.

The following report of the Committee of Finance was read and approved, and on motion the resolutions attached thereto were adopted:

The Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, respectfully report, that agreeably to the requirements of the Ahiman Rezon, they present the following statement of the Financial affairs of the Grand Lodge for the Fiscal Year commencing November 15, 1857, and ending November 15, 1858. The Committee have examined the accounts of the different officers and committees intrusted with the moneys of the Grand Lodge (with the exception of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund) and believe them to be correct. They duly notified the Trustees of the G. L. Charity Fund but they omitted to attend. The books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer have been examined quarterly and fully vouched. Your Committee take pleasure in reporting to the Grand Lodge the entire accuracy with which his books have been kept; their neatness of appearance and the full vouchers he has taken, rendered the examination of them an easy and pleasant task to your Committee. We also take pleasure in stating to the Grand Lodge that the Grand Treasurer declines receiving any compensation for his services. We now submit a statement of the gross receipts and payments of the Grand Treasurer for the past year, as follows:

Balance of Cash November 17, 1857	$1,781 12
Received from Lodges, Chapters, &c	21,250 65
" " regalia account	147 18
" " D. D. G. M.'s Warrants, Dispensations	2,866 67
" " rents of stores	9,791 82
" " interest account	118 07
	$35,995 51

PAYMENTS.

Hall Committee	$4,044 63
Tr. G. L. Charity Fund	540 00
G. Secty salary and exp	1,562 25
Interest on Loans	8,942 57
Printing Ahiman Rezon	823 25
Special appropriation by G. Lodge	1,098 50
Grand Master	1,039 51
Trustees Masonic Loan	14,099 00
Balance on hand	3,805 80
	$35,955 51

The accounts of the Grand Secretary for the payment of interest on the Masonic Loan have also been examined and found correct as follows:

Of the $110,000 Loan:

Balance from last year on hand	$687 46
Appropriations	6,451 04
	$7,138 50
Interest paid	6,507 00
Remaining uncalled for	$631 50

Of the $41,000 Loan:

On hand to pay interest, last report	$650 43
Appropriations this year	2,491 53
	$3,141 96
Interest paid	2,825 46
Remaining uncalled for	$316 50

The Committee have consulted with the different officers and committees of the Grand Lodge and give the following estimates of the receipts and disbursements for the year 1859:

From Lodges, Chapters and Encampments	$17,500 00
Dispensations, Certificates, Warrants, D. D. G. M.	2,500 00
Rents of stores	10,000 00
	$30,000 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Hall Committee	$4,000 00	
Grand Master	1,000 00	
G. Secretary, salary and exp	1,550 00	
G. Treasurer, "	250 00	
G. Tyler	200 00	
Interest on Masonic Loan	8,733 00	
Trustees G. L. Charity Fd	720 00	
		16,453 00
Leaving a surplus of		$13,547 00

From which deduct transient expenses of the Grand Lodge and the balance will be applicable to the Masonic Loans. The Grand Secretary at the request of your Committee prepared a statement of the balances due by the subordinate Lodges, Chapters, Encampments, &c., amounting in gross to the sum of $14,657.76. The attention of the Grand Lodge is respectfully called to this fact that such action may be taken as is thought expedient. With these remarks the Committee submit the following resolutions for the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

WM. WHITNEY, JOHN L. GODDARD,
GEO. W. HUFTY, ROBT. CLARK.
MICHAEL NISBET,

PHILAD., December 18, 1858.

Resolved, that the following appropriations be made for the year 1859, to wit: Hall Committee, $4,000; expenses G. Master, $1,000; G. Secretary salary and expenses, $1,550; G. Treasurer, $250; G. Tyler, $200; Trustees G. L. C. Fund, $720. Total, $7,720.

Resolved, that the R. W. G. Master be authorized to draw his warrant on the Grand Treasurer for the following dates and amounts to be applied to the payment of interest on Masonic Loan: January 1, 1859, on the $110,000 Loan, $3,136.50; April 1, 1859, on the $41,000 Loan, $1,230.00; July 1, 1859, on the $110,000 Loan, $3,136.50; October 1, 1859, on the $41,000 Loan, $1,230.00. Total, $8,733.00.

The following report of the Committee on Appeals was read, and on motion the resolution attached thereto adopted:

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania.

In the matter of the appeal of Bro. —— —— from the action of Western Crawford Lodge, No. 258, the Committee on Appeals respectfully report that they do not find anything in the proceedings of the said Lodge of an objectionable character and submit the following resolution for the adoption of the Grand Lodge: *Resolved*, that the action of Lodge No. 258 in the case of Bro. —— —— be and the same is hereby approved.

JAMES PAGE, *Chairman.*

The following report of the Committee on Appeals was read and approved, and on motion the resolution attached was adopted:

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on Appeals to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. —— —— from the action of Lodge No. 236, respectfully report that after a careful examination of all the circumstances and hearing the appellant as well as the representatives of the Lodge, they do not deem it advisable to interfere with the action of the latter further than is proposed by the resolution hereto attached, which they recommend the Grand Lodge to adopt.

JAMES PAGE, *Chairman.*

Resolved, that the action of Chester Lodge No. 236, be sustained, but that an application on its part for permission to place Bro. —— in Good Masonic Standing so as to enable him to apply for membership to that or any other Lodge be suggested to said Lodge No. 236, as called for under the peculiar circumstances of the case.

The following report of the Committee on Appeals was read and on motion the resolution attached thereto adopted:

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania.

The Committee of Appeals in the case of the application of Lodge No. 286, claiming that Bro. —— —— should be required to undergo a re-ballot in that Lodge, respectfully report that it appears the said Brother applied for Initiation to said Lodge No. 286, in May and December, 1855, and was rejected; that long after this in utter ignorance of such rejection but under the full belief that his petition had been withdrawn, he being so informed, he applied to Lodge No. 271, and received the degree of an Entered Apprentice Mason. After this, Lodge No. 286 interfered and stopped his further progress, which brought the matter before the Grand Lodge. The character of Bro. —— is unexceptionable and neither he nor Lodge No. 271 is to blame in the matter, each having acted in good faith toward the Order. Under all the circumstances the Committee report the resolution attached.

JAMES PAGE, *Chairman.*

PHILAD., Dec. 1, 1858.

Resolved, that Bro. —— —— having in his application to Keystone Lodge, No. 271, acted in good faith and without any intention of violating Masonic rules, his Initiation by that Lodge is approved, and they are hereby authorized to confer the remaining degrees.

The report of the Committee of Correspondence was read with preamble and resolutions attached. (NOTE.—The Report having been taken away by the Chairman of the Committee, cannot appear in its proper place.)*

The following report of the Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund was read and approved.

PHILAD., Dec. 1, 1858.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

In accordance with the provisions of the 4th Section of the By-laws of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, the undersigned, in behalf of the Board of Almoners, submits the following as their Annual Report of the transactions of the past year. The appropriations made by the Trustees for distribution during the year amounts to the sum of..... $1,322 18

To which add balance in hand as per last report..... 62 47

Making a total of..... $1,384 65

*See Appendix I, page 414.

The disbursements by the Board are as follows, to wit:

On	106	applications	from widows of deceased	brothers.....	$1,235 00
"	10	do.	from daughters of do.	do.	110 00
"	1	do.	from a mother of do.	do.	10 00
Incidental expenses, (stationery).....					15 00
					$1,370 00

Leaving a balance in hands for distribution to January 1, 1859, of $14.65.

The sum thus appropriated was distributed, as follows:

To widows, orphans and mothers of members of Lodges contributing to the Fund.....	$450 00
To widows, orphans and mothers of members of Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pa.....	495 00
To widows, orphans and mothers of members of Lodges located in the United States.....	270 00
To widows, orphans and mothers of members of Lodges located in Ireland.....	70 00
To widows, orphans and mothers of members of Lodges located in Belgium.....	40 00
To widows, orphans and mothers of members of Lodges located in Grenada.....	20 00
To widows, orphans and mothers of members of Lodges located in Prussia.....	15 00
To bills of stationery.....	15 00
	$1,370 00

The above statement discloses the fact that this Fund has been distributed in the true spirit of Masonic Fraternity. The charities of the Board were not confined to applications coming from those whose husbands or parents have been members of contributing Lodges, as you will see by the record that more than two-thirds of the money thus appropriated has been paid on applications not connected with contributing Lodges. The Board of Almoners had hoped that the statement made in their last annual report, expressing their views of the importance as well as the advantages to be derived by the fraternity in the continuance of their support to this laudable institution (from which so much distress has been alleviated) would have met with that consideration which the importance of the subject in their view merited. They therefore deem it unnecessary again to present an elaborate report, but would call the attention of the Lodges meeting within the bounds of the city to the report referred to, believing as they do that it contains facts which if properly considered will induce them to join with and coöperate with the Lodges who have continued to give their support up to the present period and

who are of the opinion that it is one of the best institutions established under the sanction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Fraternally submitted by

PETER FRITZ, *President.*

On motion of Bro. John Wilson, Sr., the following resolution was adopted: *Resolved*, that one thousand copies of the foregoing report be printed for distribution among the Lodges, together with last year's report.*

Copies of the By-laws of Lodges No. 222 and 313, and an Amendment to the By-laws of Lodge No. 211, were received and referred to Committee on By-laws. An amendment to the By-laws of Lodge No. 258, dividing the initiation fee, &c., was read and referred to Committee on By-laws.

An application for a warrant for a new Lodge to be held at Greensboro, Greene Co., was read and on motion referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

Communications were read from Lodges Nos. 19, 52, 60, 67, and 115. On motion ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 67, in relation to the case of Bros. —— and ——; which was on motion ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 244, asking for a remission of dues for the years 1855, 1856 and 1857. On motion referred to Committee of Finance.

On motion of Bro. John Bolt the vote on the communication from Lodge No. 67 was reconsidered for the purpose of reading a communication from Bro. —— to Lodge No. 67. Said communication having been read the motion to enter and file was adopted.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 249, asking permission to take a third ballot on the application of —— —— for Initiation and Membership. On motion said request was granted, provided due notice be given to all the members of the time said ballot shall take place.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 289. On motion ordered to be entered and filed.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 297, asking the Grand Lodge to restore to good Masonic Standing —— ——, who had been suspended for unmasonic conduct. On motion said request was granted; it being understood that to regain his membership he must apply as required by the Ahiman Rezon.

A communication was read from —— ——, late a member of Lodge No. 131, appealing from action of said Lodge in having suspended him. On motion referred to Committee on Appeals.

A communication was read from —— ——, against the action of Lodge No. 301, in having suspended him for non-payment of dues. On motion referred to Committee on Appeals.

A resolution of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund was read, as follows: *Resolved*, that a resident of another State who

* See Appendix J, page 475.

has not contributed to a subordinate Lodge within three years shall not be entitled to aid from this Fund unless at some previous time he has been a member of a Lodge under this jurisdiction (to conform to Sec. 7, Ahiman Rezon, page 10).

Resolved, that the foregoing resolution be recommended to the Grand Lodge for the sanction of that body. On motion referred to the Grand Officers to report whether the resolution conflicts with the will of Stephen Girard.

A communication was read from Bro. A. J. McKean, W. M. of Lodge No. 251, in relation to the purchase of certain aprons that were worn at the dedication of the New Hall. On motion the Grand Secretary was instructed to reply that the Grand Lodge has no regalia for sale.

A bill for binding was read from Bro. James B. Chandler, amounting to $108.75, which was on motion ordered to be paid.

The preamble and resolutions accompanying the report of the Committee of Correspondence were read and after being slightly amended were adopted, as follows: WHEREAS, differences heretofore existing between the "two bodies respectively acting as the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York," having been settled; and the "act of union" between the said bodies having on the 1st day of November, A. D. 1858, A. L. 5858, been fully consummated, AND WHEREAS, there is in the possession of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania true Masonic information received from the R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York, that but one Grand Lodge now exists in that jurisdiction. Therefore, *Resolved*, that the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania extends the right hand of fellowship to the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York, rejoicing at the same time that peace and harmony dwell within her borders, that the voice of a stranger to Masonic union is no longer to be heard at her portals and that her prosperity is about again to flow as a river, to the invigoration and strength of a united and contented fraternity. *Resolved*, that the Grand Secretary of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania be directed to transmit to the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York a copy of this preamble and resolutions.

On motion a number of visiting brethren were admitted in the course of the evening.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at 9.15 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27, 1858, A. L. 5858.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Annual Grand Communication, held at the Hall Chestnut street.

Present: Bro. HENRY M. PHILLIPS, R. W. G. M. Bro. John Thomson, R. W. D. G. M. Bro. David C. Skerrett, R. W. S. G. W. Bro. Joseph S. Riley, R. W. J. G. W. Bro. Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treas. Bro. Wm. H. Adams, R. W. G. Secty. Bro. Daniel Thompson, D. G. Secty.

Bro. E. W. Keyser, S. G. D. Bro. Wm. M. Martin, J. G. D. Bro. Jacob Loudenslager, G. Marshal. Bro. James Ferguson, G. S. Bearer. Bros. Wm. W. Thomson and Adam Maag, G. Stewards. Bro. George H. Ashton, G. Pursuivant. Bro. John Chambers, G. Chaplain. Bros. J. Randall, A. Bournonville and Peter Williamson, Past Grand Masters.

Lodges Represented: No. 2, Floyd, Green. No. 3, Skerrett, English, Maguire, Briggs, Bilger, Wester, Brewer, Thomson, Martin. No. 9, Mackay, Palmer, Kelly. No. 19, Karrick, Murphy, Thomas, Hodges, Griscom. No. 25, Scott, Keim, Dorrance, Benezet. No. 43, Howell, Gormley. No. 51, Allen, Howell, Griscom. No. 51, Johnson, Chambers, Bouvier, Howell, Bell. No. 52, Day, Hoopes, Wilson, Sr. and Jr., Ferguson, Ramsay, Shindler. No. 59, Adams, Coburn, Sinexon, J. L. Taylor. No. 67, Griffith, Reese, Hutchinson, Martien, Bolt, Loudenslager, Simpson, Baugh, Weeks. No. 71, Johnson, Jones, Golden, Hutchinson, Bladen. No. 72, Phillips, Ashton, Potter, Thompson, Peacock. No. 91, Connelly, Hinchman, Barry. No. 114, Clark, Thomson, Stevenson, Worrall, Hamill. No. 115, McCloud, Parker, Suplee, Walles, Black. No. 121, Keyser, Foering, Vaux, Warner, Prevost, LeBrun. No. 125, Muckle, Bournonville, Remak, Maag. No. 126, Jackson, Nisbet, Bell, Widener, Miller. No. 130, Strickland, Lescure, Riley, Stokes. No. 131, Penrose, Miller, Alkins, Squires, Moore. No. 134, Williamson, Murphy, Roney. No. 155, Fritz, Curtis, Allen, Glenn, Woodbury, Hedges. No. 158, Shields, Oliver, Weatherby, Sinn, Reneker, Wills. No. 186, Hufty, Little, Russell, Pollock, Stevenson, Ziegler. No. 187, Purves, Simpson, Russell. No. 211, Cartwright, Lee, Page, Peall, Hall. No. 230, Christian, Wallace. No. 246, Jones. No. 271, Brown. No. 274, Goddard, Sears, Letford. No. 289, Davis, Martin, Phillips. No. 292, Murphy. No. 295, Gilpin, Yerkes, Coleman. No. 296, Hopper, Griffith.

Proxies: No. 106, W. W. Thomson; No. 138, W. H. Adams; No. 223, Peter Fritz; No. 226, Jos. S. Riley; No. 251, W. H. Adams; No. 265, Wm. English; No. 281, Geo. W. Hufty.

Thirty-seven Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form at 10½ o'clock, A. M.

So much of the minutes of the Quarterly Communication held Dec. 6, 1858, as relates to the election of Grand Officers was read and approved.

Past Grand Master Williamson took the chair and all but Past Masters having retired, proceeded to the Installation of Bro. Henry M. Phillips as R. W. Grand Master. The ancient charge was then read. The R. W. Grand Master then installed Bro. John Thomson, R. W. Deputy Grand Master. The Brethren who had retired were readmitted. The following Grand Officers were severally and duly installed in ancient and solemn form and having been duly proclaimed received the accustomed salutations of the Brethren: Bro. John Thomson, R. W. Deputy G. Master; Bro. David C. Skerrett, R. W. Senior G. Warden; Bro. Lucius H. Scott, R. W. Junior G. Warden; Bro. Peter Williamson, Grand Treasurer; Bro. Wm. H. Adams, Grand Secretary.

The R. W. Grand Master upon taking the Chair, made the following

address to the Brethren, after which he was pleased to announce the following appointments:

Custom, well observed and honored, is entitled to the force of a law, and therefore I yield obedience to it in addressing you a few words at this time; premising that indisposition for several days, and a pressure of business, have prevented me from putting into shape and form the views I had desired to express. A year ago we assembled here to witness the installation as Grand Master, of one who had for many years been a bright and zealous Mason, who had been unanimously chosen by the brethren, and stood foremost in their esteem; it was known that he had for some time been suffering from an incurable disease, yet it was fondly hoped that the seeds of death would not bear their inevitable fruit during his year of service in the oriental chair. But this hope was dispelled by the sad reality that in a few months afterwards the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was left without its head, and the duties of the high and responsible station devolved upon me at a time when public business required my absence from the city; the Senior Grand Warden, an experienced, intelligent and good Mason, performed the duties during my absence in a manner calculated to elevate the character and to promote the interests of Masonry, and leaving to the brethren no cause for regret at the absence of the incumbent of the chair. The Grand Lodge resolved that as a mark of respect for the memory of Brother John K. Mitchell, and to evince its sincere sorrow for *his* decease and *its* loss, the office should be kept vacant and the Lodge Room be clothed in the habiliments of mourning for the residue of the year, and we are now just emerging from our allotted period of Masonic sorrow, to a year, as we hope, when no sadness shall mar the Masonic enjoyment. I have received reports from many District Deputy Grand Masters, exhibiting a faithful and agreeable statement of the condition of the Order in their respective jurisdictions; there seem to be progress, harmony, and prosperity as well as an improved condition of the work, more nearly conforming to the Pennsylvania standard, and without the artificial additions and innovations which are permitted in other places. A few District Deputy Grand Masters have, as yet, neglected this important branch of duty, a neglect, which, if persevered in, displays a want of proper regard for the institution and for the obligation, which their acceptance of the office put upon them. I trust that it is an act of inadvertence owing to other causes, and not owing to any diminution of the zeal and good conduct which, doubtless, influenced their selection. The reports of the several committees of the Grand Lodge, of the almoners and stewards of the charity funds, show the condition of the various matters in their charge, while that of the Grand Secretary will present to you full information of the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, and the action of the Grand Officers on the subjects committed to them. During the past year warrants have been granted to sixteen new Lodges, as follows: Indiana Lodge, No. 313, at Indiana, Indiana Co.; Clearfield Lodge, No.

314, at Clearfield, Clearfield Co.; Cumberland Valley Lodge, No. 315, at Shippensburg, Cumberland Co.; Myrtle Lodge, No. 316, at Franklin, Venango Co.; Ossea Lodge, No. 317, at Wellsboro, Tioga Co.; McKinley Lodge, No. 318, at Allegheny, Allegheny Co.; Adams Lodge, No. 319, at Bloomfield, Perry Co.; Bedford Lodge, No. 320, at Bedford, Bedford Co.; Hailman Lodge, No. 321, at East Liberty, Allegheny Co.; Westchester Lodge, No. 322, at Westchester, Chester Co.; Williamson Lodge, No. 323, at Scranton, Luzerne Co.; Union Lodge, No. 324, at Mifflin, Juniata Co.; Barger Lodge, No. 325, at Stroudsburg, Monroe Co.; Lehigh Lodge, No. 326, at Trexlertown, Lehigh Co.; Hazle Lodge, No. 327, at Hazleton, Luzerne Co. Whole number of Lodges, including No. 328, is 161. Number of members about same as last year.

All of these excepting Lodge No. 328, (not yet constituted) have been duly constituted and are in a flourishing condition. One application is yet under consideration. The whole number of Lodges in our jurisdiction is one hundred and sixty-one, and the number of brethren remains about the same as at the close of the last year, the embarrassed condition of things preventing many anxious to join our Order, from being able to incur the expense at present. The number of dispensations during the past year has been: To enter, pass and raise, 3; to pass and raise, 7; to raise, 8; to pass the chair, 59. And the number of Grand Lodge certificates issued thirty-nine. I leave the consideration of the past to proceed to a few words in regard to the future: Elevated by your suffrages to the highest office within your gift, and having taken upon myself the performance of its duties, I enter upon their discharge with a diffidence of my own abilities to meet this expectation of the brethren who have placed me in the position. Masonry is flourishing, honored and popular beyond any former time; it has lived down and beyond the slanders and prejudices which for a time obscured it, though they could not blot out its existence; its members are many, and selected as they are with unanimity, they may be fairly claimed as being among the best citizens of our Commonwealth. The revenues of the Grand Lodge have been largely increased, and have served to enlarge the circle and sphere of Masonic benevolence and charity; to be a Mason, and known as such, once a term of distrust and reproach, is now to be recognized by the community, outside the limits of our Order, as a worthy member of society—engaged in an enterprise of usefulness and humanity; our secrecy is no longer doubted or scoffed, and, brethren, this high elevation of character must make us anxious to retain it, and be careful, rigidly careful, to avoid every thing which may lead to excess, surely to be followed by prostration. The antiquity of the institution, and its unchanged forms during its long existence, speak strongly in its favor; a Masonic Lodge may be assimilated to the family circle, and should be kept upon the same principles; secrecy, obedience and good works are the elements of the Masonic creed; to be a Mason is a privilege, no part of which must be extended to another. Secrecy in Masonry is as requisite as in family affairs; its privacy must not

be invaded by strangers, nor its domestic concerns discussed without its portals, and Masons must converse with Masons only on Masonic business. The necessity of obedience and discipline in the family circle, as well as in every well regulated institution, is so universally recognized as to require no recommendation nor eulogium. As some must command, so others must obey, and authority is ever entitled to respect, for without discipline all would be in confusion, and the fitness of things, with each one in his proper place, could not be observed. Every Mason is taught those precepts, the observance of which cannot fail to make a valuable citizen and a good man; what should be abhorred, he is required to shun, and what good conduct suggests to be done, is exacted from him. Secrecy, obedience and observance of the pure precepts of Masonry, make the Order an useful institution in any community, and where its works are so extensive as in ours, they command for it and its members that respect and confidence which nothing but real merit can obtain. To preside over an institution founded on such pure principles, devolves upon the officer a work of magnitude, dignity and responsibility; he must proceed to the performance of duty without prejudice or partiality, fear or favor, he should do no act under any other influence than that of the interests of the Order, and for this he has a right to claim and expect the coöperation of the brethren. The rules and regulations of the order must be strictly observed and its penalties shall be duly enforced; a laxity of discipline leads to irregularity, marring the symmetry of the Masonic system, and those having the authority must require conformity to our landmarks and our laws. The powers and privileges of the chair are many and extensive, but a Grand Master should always use his prerogatives with moderation and caution; dispensations for extraordinary privileges should be granted only on extraordinary occasions, and there should be as little departure from the common routine as cannot be well avoided. The appointment of officers and committees impose upon him a task of responsibility and labor; offices are trusts to which only such should be appointed as have the proper requisites to execute them efficiently; in the performance of this delicate duty, mistakes may be made, some may be overlooked who have the merit and capacity, while others may be chosen whose places could have been better supplied. The selection of District Deputy Grand Masters always costs the incumbent of the chair much anxiety; distance alone justifies separation from the Grand Lodge, with which a direct communication is more beneficial, and doubtless more agreeable, and hence the necessity for confiding authority of an almost unlimited character; upon the efficiency, attention, knowledge and zeal of the District Deputy Grand Master, mainly depend the harmony and success of the Lodges in his district, and while he should exert his authority according to exigency, the brethren will of course yield a ready and willing obedience to his directions. As the Grand Lodge is composed in part of officers of Lodges, it is hoped that the members will elect no officer who is not

faithful and competent, and whose presence in the Grand Lodge cannot be advantageous. Indeed, it requires only a fair consideration of, and proper attention to, the principles of Masonry, its rules, regulations and landmarks, to have its entire machinery moved in harmony and uninterrupted usefulness. I have directed the discontinuance of two districts; the one composed of the counties of Delaware and Chester, the other of Bucks and Montgomery; this I have done because I believe that these districts are not required by the distance from the seat of the Grand Lodge, and because Philadelphia is as central and accessible a point in each district as any place in either county. In the district of Bucks and Montgomery a vacancy would exist in the office of District Deputy Grand Master, and my only regret in making the change is, that in the other district I must dispense with the services of Bro. Jno. Larkin, who has shown himself very competent, and has been faithful to his trust. It will be my aim to perform the duties allotted to me in such manner as shall maintain the present high character of Masonry; the interests of the Order, of the Grand Lodge, and of the brethren, so far as the same are within my sphere, shall command my attention; harmony shall exist wherever my power will assist to promote it, and with the aid of that Omnipotent Power, without whom all is naught, and the volume of whose inspired word is ever open before us, with the help of the worthy and enlightened brethren, who have been chosen as Grand Officers, and the generous confidence of the brethren on which I know I may safely rely, I fervently hope to be able to perform the duties of the office satisfactorily; and, at the expiration of my term of service, to surrender this trust to those who have confided it to me, with the prosperity of the Order undiminished, its character untarnished, and its usefulness not lessened.

Grand Chaplains.

Rev. Bros. John Chambers, Wm. H. Reese, Wm. H. Odenheimer, Wm. Suddards, K. Goddard, T. S. Johnson, D. Washburn, and Peter Russell.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

Brother Charles M. Howell, of Lancaster, for the counties of Lancaster, York, and Lebanon.

Brother Robert A. Lamberton, of Harrisburg, for Dauphin, Franklin, Cumberland, Adams, Juniata, and Perry.

Brother A. J. Swartz, of Reading, for Berks, Carbon, and Lodge No. 254, at Pottstown.

Brother George H. McCabe, of Tamaqua, for Schuylkill.

Brother James M. Porter, of Easton, for Northampton and Lehigh.

Brother George C. Welker, of Sunbury, for Northumberland, Columbia, Montour, Union, and Snyder.

Brother Harrison T. Beardsley, of Lock Haven, for Clinton, Lycoming, and Centre.

Brother A. M. Lloyd, of Hollidaysburg, for Cambria, Blair, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Bedford, and Fulton.

Brother —— ——, for Washington, Greene, Fayette, and Somerset.

Brother —— ——, for Allegheny and Westmoreland.

Brother John M. Irvine, of Sharon, for Beaver, Lawrence, and Mercer.

Brother Ammi Bond, of Conneautville, for Erie, Crawford, Warren, and Venango.

Brother Robert E. Brown, of Kittanning, for Armstrong, Jefferson, Clarion, Butler, Clearfield, and Indiana.

Brother —— ——, for Bradford, Wyoming, Tioga, Susquehanna, and Sullivan.

Brother N. F. Marsh, of Scranton, for Luzerne, Wayne, Pike, and Monroe.*

Senior Grand Deacon, Brother E. W. Keyser.

Junior Grand Deacon, Brother Joseph T. Thomas.

Grand Steward, Brother Wm. W. Thomson.

Grand Steward, Brother Adam Maag.

Grand Marshal, Brother Jacob Loudenslager.

Grand Sword Bearer, Brother H. L. Peterson.

Grand Pursuivant, Brother George H. Ashton.

Grand Tyler, Brother Wm. B. Schnider.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

Brothers Wm. Whitney, Robert Clark, John L. Goddard, Michael Nisbet, and Frederick Lennig.

COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE.

Brothers Richard Vaux, George Griscom, James B. Chandler, Edwin T. Chase, and John U. Giller.

COMMITTEE ON LANDMARKS.

Brothers Josiah Randall, Wm. Barger, and Peter Williamson.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

Brothers James Page, Charles Gilpin, Wm. Curtis, Geo. W. Hufty, and Charles L. Cornman.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

Brothers Peter Fritz, A. Bournonville, James Hutchinson, Wm. H. Adams, and Robert Frazer.

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING AND PUBLISHING.

Brothers Jos. S. Riley, Robert P. King, George H. Hart, Daniel M. Fox, and Gustavus Remak.

HALL COMMITTEE.

Brothers Jos. Moore, M. Rich. Muckle, Charles Frishmuth, Jno. W. Lee, and Alexander Purves.

*Bro. Israel L. Craft, of Carmichaels, has since been appointed for the District of Washington, Greene, Fayette and Somerset, and Bro. George H. Bull, of Towanda, for that of Bradford, Wyoming, Tioga, Susquehanna and Sullivan. Bro. Sharp D. Lewis, of Wilkesbarre, has been appointed in place of Bro. N. F. Marsh, resigned.

ALMONERS OF GRAND LODGE CHARITY FUND.

Brothers George Smith, N. L. Hatfield, Harman Baugh, and Albert R. Foering.

TRUSTEES OF THE GRAND LODGE CHARITY FUND.

Brothers Wm. English, John Wilson, Sr., William S. Black, Angus N. Macpherson, and Joseph S. Riley.

STEWARDS OF THE STEPHEN GIRARD CHARITY FUND.

Brothers N. B. Moseley, George Thomson, Jas. Kelly, John K. Murphy, Michael Bouvier, Jas. Ferguson, John M. Davenport, John Wagner, W. L. Bladen, Abraham West, S. C. Perkins, Oscar Thompson, John Beenken, R. H. Campbell, George K. Ziegler, B. F. Jackson, Edw. P. Lescure, N. Penrose, Thomas Roney, John Martin, Geo. H. Oliver, Geo. P. Little, W. C. Parsons, Matthew Cartwright, Henry Christian, Alfred T. Jones, Alex. Reinstine, John W. Hornor, Gabriel Phillips, and Harman Yerkes.

The R. W. Grand Secretary appointed Bro. John M. Davenport, Deputy Grand Secretary, which met the unanimous approval of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following list of Lodges under this jurisdiction, showing that sixteen new Lodges were constituted in 1858, making the whole number one hundred and sixty-one.

LIST OF LODGES UNDER THIS JURISDICTION AND WHERE HELD.

Lodge No. 2, Philadelphia; Lodge No. 3, Philadelphia; Lodge No. 9, Philadelphia; Montgomery Lodge, No. 19, Philadelphia; Perseverance Lodge, No. 21, Harrisburg; Lodge No. 22, Sunbury; Bristol Lodge, No. 25, Bristol; Lodge No. 43, Lancaster; Lodge No. 45, Pittsburgh; Lodge No. 51, Philadelphia; Harmony Lodge, No. 52, Philadelphia; Washington Lodge, No. 59, Philadelphia; Lodge No. 60 Brownsville; Lodge No. 61, Wilkesbarre; Lodge No. 62, Reading; Concordia Lodge, No. 67, Philadelphia; Rural Amity Lodge, No. 70, Athens; Lafayette Lodge, No. 71, Philadelphia; Philadelphia Lodge, No. 72, Philadelphia; Phœnix Lodge, No. 75, Phœnixville; Hiram Lodge, No. 81, Germantown; Columbia Lodge, No. 91, Philadelphia; Lodge No. 106, Williamsport; Union Lodge, No. 108, Towanda; Solomon's Lodge, No. 114, Philadelphia; St. John's Lodge, No. 115, Philadelphia; Union Lodge, No. 121, Philadelphia; Hermann Lodge, No. 125, Philadelphia; Rising Star Lodge, No. 126, Philadelphia; Phœnix Lodge, No. 130, Philadelphia; Industry Lodge, No. 131, Philadelphia; Franklin Lodge, No. 134, Philadelphia; Roxborough Lodge, No. 135, Manayunk; Schuylkill Lodge, No. 138, Orwigsburg; G. Washington Lodge, No. 143, Chambersburg; Charity Lodge, No. 144, Lewisburg; Easton Lodge, No. 152, Easton; Waynesburg Lodge, No. 153, Waynesburg; Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 155, Philadelphia; Washington Lodge, No. 156, Chestnut Level; Meridian Sun Lodge, No. 158, Philadelphia; Evergreen Lodge, No. 163, Monroeton; Washington Lodge, No. 164, Washington; Eastern Star Lodge, No. 186, Philadelphia; Integrity Lodge, No. 187, Philadelphia;

Charity Lodge, No. 190, Norristown; Lafayette Lodge, No. 194, Selin's Grove; Lodge No. 197, Carlisle; Lafayette Lodge, No. 199, Lock Haven; Lewistown Lodge, No. 203, Lewistown; Kensington Lodge, No. 211, Philadelphia; Pulaski Lodge, No. 216, Pottsville; Honesdale Lodge, No. 218, Honesdale; St. John's Lodge, No. 219, Pittsburgh; Portage Lodge, No. 220, Hollidaysburg; Franklin Lodge, No. 221, Pittsburgh; Lodge No. 222, Minersville; Allegheny Lodge, No. 223, Allegheny; Danville Lodge, No. 224, Danville; Philanthropy Lodge, No. 225, Greensburg; Mt. Lebanon Lodge, No. 226, Lebanon; Chandler Lodge, No. 227, Reading; Fayette Lodge, No. 228, Uniontown; Rochester Lodge, No. 229, Rochester; Richmond Lodge, No. 230, Philadelphia; Solomon's Lodge, No. 231, Pittsburgh; La Belle Vallee, No. 232, Jersey Shore; St. John's Lodge, No. 233, Pittston; Crawford Lodge, No. 234, Meadville; Presque Isle Lodge, No. 235, Erie; Chester Lodge, No. 236, Chester; Chandler Lodge, No. 237, Beallsville; Tamaqua Lodge, No. 238, Tamaqua; Armstrong Lodge, No. 239, Freeport; Warren Lodge, No. 240, Montrose; North Star Lodge, No. 241, Warren; Carbon Lodge, No. 242, Mauch Chunk; Lodge No. 243, New Castle; Lodge No. 244, Kittanning; Doylestown Lodge, No. 245, Doylestown; Shekinah Lodge, No. 246, Philadelphia; Friendship Lodge, No. 247, Covington; Temple Lodge, No. 248, Tunkhannock; Carbondale Lodge, No. 249, Carbondale; Sharon Lodge, No. 250, Sharon; Hebron Lodge, No. 251, Mercer; Gummert Lodge, No. 252, Fayette City; Washington Lodge, No. 253, Pittsburgh; Stichter Lodge, No. 254, Pottstown; Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, Shamokin; Milton Lodge, No. 256, Milton; W. Crawford Lodge, No. 258, Conneautville; Union Lodge, No. 259, New Brighton; St. John's Lodge, No. 260, Carlisle; Hiram Lodge, No. 261, Providence; Orrstown Lodge, No. 262, Orrstown; Franklin Lodge, No. 263, Laceyville; Columbus Lodge, No. 264, Columbus; Washington Lodge, No. 265, Bloomsburg; York Lodge, No. 266, York; Swatara Lodge, No. 267, Tremont; Bellefonte Lodge, No. 268, Bellefonte; Monongahela Lodge, No. 269, Birmingham; Page Lodge, No. 270, Schuylkill Haven; Keystone Lodge, No. 271, Philadelphia; Butler Lodge, No. 272, Butler; Cassia Lodge, No. 273, Morgan's Corner; Hamilton Lodge, No. 274, Philadelphia; Loyalhanna Lodge, No. 275, Latrobe; Hobah Lodge, No. 276, Brookville; Clarion Lodge, No. 277, Clarion; Cambria Lodge, No. 278, Johnstown; Newcomb Lodge, No. 279, Carmichaels; Harmony Lodge, No. 280, Canton; Mountain Lodge, No. 281, Altoona; Juniata Lodge, No. 282, Hollidaysburg; Bethlehem Lodge, No. 283, Bethlehem; Porter Lodge, No. 284, Catasauqua; Anthracite Lodge, No. 285, St. Clair; Columbia Lodge, No. 286, Columbia; Milnor Lodge, No. 287, Pittsburg; Jefferson Lodge, No. 288, Allegheny; Orient Lodge, No. 289, Philadelphia; Lodge No. 290, W. Greenville; Union Lodge, No. 291, Scranton; Lodge No. 292, Frankford; Lodge No. 294, Ashland; Melita Lodge, No. 295, Philadelphia; Mitchell Lodge, No. 296, Germantown; Lodge No. 297, Canonsburg; G. W. Bartram Lodge, No. 298, Media; Muncy Lodge, No. 299, Muncy; Lodge No. 300, Huntingdon; Waverly Lodge, No. 301, Waverly; Eureka Lodge, No. 302, Mechanicsburg; Oil

Creek Lodge, No. 303, Titusville; Western Star Lodge, No. 304, Albion; Hawley Lodge, No. 305, Hawley; Trojan Lodge, No. 306, Troy; Williamson Lodge, No. 307, Womelsdorf; Lodge No. 308, Fort Washington; Williamson Lodge, No. 309, Downingtown; Warren Lodge, No. 310, Perkiomen Bridge; Mt. Bethel Lodge, No. 311, Williamsburg; Lodge No. 312, Ebensburg; Indiana Lodge, No. 313, Indiana; Clearfield Lodge, No. 314, Clearfield; Cumberland Valley Lodge, No. 315, Shippensburg; Myrtle Lodge, No. 316, Franklin; Ossea Lodge, No. 317, Wellsboro; McKinley Lodge, No. 318, Allegheny; Adams Lodge, No. 319, Bloomfield; Bedford Lodge, No. 320, Bedford; Hailman Lodge, No. 321, East Liberty; West Chester Lodge, No. 322, West Chester; P. Williamson Lodge, No. 323, Scranton; Union Lodge, No. 324, Mifflin; Barger Lodge, No. 325, Stroudsburg; Lehigh Lodge, No. 326, Trexlertown; Hazel Lodge, No. 327, Hazleton; Freedom Lodge, No. 328, Harford.

The Committee on the claim of Bro. John Notman made the following report which was read and approved, and on motion the resolution attached was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee to whom was referred the claim of Bro. John Notman, beg leave to report that they have attended to that duty and deem it expedient to grant to Bro. John Notman the sum of one thousand dollars ($1,000) for services rendered to the Grand Lodge in making drawings, designs, &c., for the late Building Committee of the Grand Lodge. They therefore offer the following resolution: *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Master be requested and empowered to draw his warrant on the R. W. Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge for the amount of one thousand dollars, in favor of Bro. John Notman, which shall be in full of all further demands or claims of his against the Grand Lodge. All of which is respectfully submitted.

ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, FREDERICK LENNIG,
JOSEPH MOORE, E. H. BUTLER.

PHILAD., Dec. 27, 1858.

Past Grand Master, Bro. J. Randall, gave notice that his Amendment to the Ahiman Rezon would be called up for consideration at the Quarterly Communication in March next.

The Grand Secretary reported the following list of new Lodges constituted since last report: Indiana Lodge, No. 313, at Indiana, Indiana Co.; Clearfield Lodge, No. 314, at Clearfield, Clearfield Co.; Cumberland Valley Lodge, No. 315, at Shippensburg, Cumberland Co.; Myrtle Lodge, No. 316, at Franklin, Venango Co.; Ossea Lodge, No. 317, at Wellsboro, Tioga Co.; McKinley Lodge, No. 318, at Allegheny, Allegheny Co.; Adams Lodge, No. 319, at Bloomfield, Perry Co.; Bedford Lodge, No. 320, at Bedford, Bedford Co.; Hailman Lodge, No. 321, at East Liberty, Allegheny Co.; West Chester Lodge, No. 322, at West Chester, Chester Co.; Williamson Lodge, No. 323, at Scranton, Luzerne

Co.; Union Lodge, No. 324, at Mifflin, Juniata Co.; Barger Lodge, No. 325, at Stroudsburg, Monroe Co.; Lehigh Lodge, No. 326, at Trexlertown, Lehigh Co.; Hazel Lodge, No. 327, at Hazleton, Luzerne Co.

P. G. Master, Bro. Randall, offered the following resolution which, having been slightly amended, was on motion, adopted, as follows: *Resolved*, That Ancient York Masons in good standing under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York are entitled as heretofore to Masonic fellowship with and admission into this Grand Lodge and the subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction; and the whole subject be referred to the R. W. Grand Master of Pennsylvania with power to take such action in the premises as the welfare and dignity of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania require.

The following report of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund was read and approved:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The undersigned on behalf of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund submits the following report of their proceedings during the year ending December 30, 1858. In the performance of their official duty they have distributed relief to 99 "poor and respectable brethren," to wit:

To	72	applicants	hailing	under	this jurisdiction		$1,460 61
"	2	"	"	from	New Jersey	$35 00	
"	1	"	"	"	Maryland	25 00	
"	1	"	"	"	Virginia	15 00	
"	1	"	"	"	N. Carolina	10 00	
"	1	"	"	"	S. Carolina	15 00	
"	1	"	"	"	Georgia	10 00	
"	1	"	"	"	Louisiana	10 00	
"	1	"	"	"	Illinois	10 00	
"	3	"	"	"	Ohio	55 00	
"	1	"	"	"	Massachusetts	20 00	
"	1	"	"	"	Maine	10 00	
"	2	"	"	"	Canada	40 00	
"	4	"	"	"	Nova Scotia	65 00	
"	1	"	"	"	Ireland	10 00	
"	4	"	"	"	England	58 00	
"	2	"	"	"	France	55 00	
							443 00
							$1,903 61
Paid for a minute book for use of stewards							3 00
							$1,906 61

Balance on hand as per last annual report		$5 00
Amt. appropriated for use of Stewards		2,000 00
Interest per James Shields		6 61
Total		$2,011 61
From which deduct amt. paid for minute book	$3 00	
And total amt. of relief granted	1,903 61	
		1,906 61
Leaves a balance on hand Dec. 30, 1858, of		$105 00

Of the recipients above referred to hailing under this jurisdiction six died during the year; and the painful duty devolves upon the undersigned of announcing the demise of two worthy members of the Board, Brothers H. E. Levistien and Jacob Steiner. The first had just entered upon his usefulness as a member of the Board, whilst the latter had been one of its most efficient members from the period of its organization until the last moment of his life. Ever zealous and untiring in the performance of his Masonic duties, with an ear ever ready to listen to the tale of sorrow and distress, and a hand ever prompt to relieve the wants of the poor and worthy brother, it may be justly said, in him was true Masonry personified. His death has left a void which can scarcely be filled; but we humbly bow to the will of the Grand Master of the Universe, who has called him from labor upon earth to everlasting refreshment above in "that Temple not made with hands eternal in the Heavens."

All of which is respectfully submitted by

E. P. LESCURE, *President.*

On motion the following visiting brethren were admitted in the course of the evening: Bros. D. R. Murrell, No. 3; L. M. Wharton, No. 25; Everett D. Hall, No. 51; W. H. H. Davis, No. 81; Jas. L. Ebert, No. 130; W. H. Odenheimer, No. 134; Gus Eckendorff, No. 134; Wm. R. Rambo, No. 190; L. Henderson, No. 190; G. W. Leisenring, No. 194; Chas. S. Watson, No. 289; John A. Flynn, No. 296; John A. Brewster, No. 20, California.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at one o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*



THIRD MASONIC HALL, CHESTNUT STREET.

1855–1873.

APPENDIX A.

[From "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, December, A. D. 1855, A. L. 5855. Philadelphia. B. Franklin Jackson, Printer. 1856."]

SIXTY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY

of the

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

September 26th, A. D. 1855, A. L. 5855.

DEDICATION AND CONSECRATION

of

THE NEW HALL,

Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

This event was celebrated by about four thousand of the Brethren, with great pomp and splendor, and with feelings of gratitude and joy. The Brethren of the lodges in the city, joined by numbers from the different parts of the State, and from our sister States, among whom were several officers of the Grand Lodges of New Jersey, District of Columbia, Massachusetts, Maryland, Virginia, South Carolina, Kentucky, Connecticut, and Tennessee, assembled at the old Hall, in Third Street, at 8 o'clock in the morning, and were formed into procession, agreeably to the following orders issued by the R. W. Grand Master and Grand Marshal.

ORDER OF PROCESSION.

Band.
Grand Marshal.
Junior Lodge In Front.
Each Lodge In The Following Order.
Masters Of Ceremony.
Entered Apprentices, Two And Two.
Fellow Craft, Two And Two.
Masters Masons, Two And Two.
Past Masters, Two And Two.
Deacons.
Secretary And Treasurer.
Wardens.
Worshipful Master.
In The Rear Of The Oldest Lodge, Brethren From Other Jurisdictions.

Grand Tyler.
Building Committee.
Architect.
Grand Officers Of Other Jurisdictions.
Past Grand Officers.
Pursuivant.
Grand Stewards.
Grand Chaplains.
Orator.
Grand Deacons.
Grand Secretary And Grand Treasurer.
Grand Wardens.
Deputy Grand Master.
Grand Master.
Grand Sword Bearer.

The line will be formed at eight o'clock, precisely, in double ranks, left in front, the right resting on the south-east corner of Third and Spruce street, extending along the east side of Third street to Pine street, and from thence along the south side of Pine street westward; the whole under the direction of the Grand Marshal, each Lodge having one Marshal to each fifty members participating; each Lodge to have at least one Marshal, (unless they number less than twenty members, in that case to be regulated by the Grand Marshal,)—their duty is to attend exclusively to and be accountable for the good order of their particular Lodges, and see that the directions of the Grand Lodge are strictly enforced. The space between the files on the march to be two feet, to be carefully preserved throughout. The line, when formed will move along Pine street to Broad street, thence to Spruce street, thence to Twelfth street, thence to Walnut street, thence to Independence Square. On arriving opposite the centre gate, the Brethren halt, face inwards, and countermarch in the usual form, passing into Independence Square. After the ceremonies in the Square, the line of march will be again resumed, (the original formation being strictly observed,) moving by the left, passing round the Square and out by the south gate to Walnut street, thence to Fifth street, thence to Arch street, thence to Seventeenth street, thence to Chestnut street, thence to New Hall. On arrival of head of procession at the Hall, the Brethren halt, face inwards, and again countermarch in the usual form.

As the Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters of the respective Lodges arrive at the corner of Seventeenth and Chestnut streets, they will break from the procession for the purpose of being formed with the Grand Lodge. The several Lodges now meeting in the Hall in Third street, will make arrangements for convening at some other place on the day of dedication, reserving the said Hall for the accommodation of visitors from a distance and the Lodges of this jurisdiction from the country districts. Each Brother will be re-

quired to attend in a full suit of black, dress coat, with white kid gloves, plain blue sash and plain white apron, (such as have been ordered for the occasion,) excepting the Officers of the Grand Lodge, who alone wear the full Masonic Regalia of their respective stations. This order will be strictly enforced.

JAMES HUTCHINSON, *R. W. G. M.*

GRAND MARSHAL'S ORDERS.

In conformity with the orders of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, and to facilitate the formation of the procession, the respective Lodges will be at the place of general formation prior to eight o'clock, A. M., as at that time the procession will positively be formed, and take position as herein designated, and be assigned their places in line by an assistant Grand Marshal.

The Marshals of Lodges, immediately on their arrival at the place of formation, will report to the Assistant Grand Marshal, who will furnish them with their badge of office, and such orders as may be requisite for the conduction of the Procession.

The members of each Lodge will be formed in the following order, having due regard to the brethren being arranged according to height.

Masters of Ceremony.
Entered Apprentices, Two And Two.
Fellow Craft, Two And Two.
Master Masons, Two And Two.
Past Masters, Two And Two.
Deacons.
Secretary And Treasurer.
Wardens.
Worshipful Master.

Lodges No. 2, 3, and 9, east side of Third street, from Spruce to Pine streets.

Lodges No. 19, 21, 25, and 43, south side of Pine street, between Third and Fourth.

Lodges No. 51, 52, 62, and 67, south side of Pine street, between Fourth and Fifth.

Lodges No. 71, 72, 75, 81, 91, and 114, south side of Pine street, between Fifth and Sixth.

Lodges No. 115, 121, 125, 126, and 130, south side of Pine street, between Sixth and Seventh streets.

Lodges No. 131, 134, 135, 143, and 152, south side of Pine street, between Seventh and Eighth streets.

Lodges No. 155 and 158, south side of Pine street, between Eighth and Ninth streets.

Lodges No. 186, 187, 190, 194, and 203, south side of Pine street, between Ninth and Tenth streets.

Lodges No. 211, 216, 218, 223, 226, 227, 230, 236, 244, and 246, south side of Pine street, between Tenth and Eleventh streets.

Lodges No. 254, 258, 259, 262, 266, 268, 271, 274, 275, 279, 281, 283, 284, 286, 287, 289, 292, and 295, south side of Pine street, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets.

Brethren from other Jurisdictions will assemble on the south side of Spruce street, between Second and Third streets, and be under charge of an Assistant Grand Marshal. On arrival of the Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters, (by election) of the respective Lodges, at the corner of Seventeenth and Chestnut street, they will break from the procession, filing to the right (the Masters and Wardens on the south side, and Past Masters on the north side of Chestnut street,) for the purpose of being formed with the Grand Lodge. Lodges not having the requisite number to entitle them to a Marshal will be formed under the direction of their respective Masters, who will with the Assistant Grand Marshals, report at Grand Marshal's office, (Masonic Hall, South Third Street,) on the morning of the 26th instant, at seven o'clock.

The Marshals of Lodges will be particular in observing that the orders of the Grand Master are strictly conformed to by the Brethren, especially as regards dress, which will consist of a Black Hat, Black Cravat, Black Vest, Black (Dress) Coat, Black Pants, and White gloves. On no consideration can Brethren not conforming to the above be admitted in the Procession. Canes, unless absolutely required, will be excluded from the line. No Brother unattached to a Lodge, can participate in the ceremony. In countermarching, the Lodges will pass through the Hall to Lodge alley. As they leave the building, they will be under the direct control of their respective Marshals, who will immediately conduct them to some suitable place for the purpose of unrobing and dismissal.

The Hall will be opened on the afternoon of the 26th instant, from two and a half to five o'clock, for the accommodation of Brethren of the Order residing out of the City.

The following named Brethren have been appointed Assistant Grand Marshals, and will be respected accordingly.

Bros. J. L. Hutchinson, Alex. Murphy, Geo. W. Wood, Wm. Camac, F. S. Lewis, J. Wm. Hoffman, Jas. B. Fidler, David F. Foley, Thos. A. Andrews, A. C. Suplee, A. L. Hough, Geo. F. Delleker, Wm. A. Fox, Martin Leans, G. Eckendorf, Atwood Smith, Edwin Watson, Franklin Smith. J. Loudenslager, Grand Marshal.

In the order laid down, the procession moved over the route fixed upon. When the front of the procession reached Independence Square, (Walnut street, between Fifth and Sixth streets, centre gate,) the Brethren halted and opened ranks, facing inwards. The Grand Master and Grand Officers, preceded by a Band of Music, moved through the ranks into the Square, the Brethren uncovering as the Grand Master and Grand Officers passed them, and closing from the

rear, followed in reversed order. The Grand Master, Grand Officers, Orator of the Day, and the Grand Officers of sister Grand Lodges, and a number of aged Brethren, occupied a platform erected for the purpose near the centre of the Square. The bands and choristers, under the direction of Bro. Wm. P. Cunnington, occupied a large platform on the other side of the broad avenue, directly opposite the platform occupied by the Grand Officers.

The bands played a grand march until all the Brethren were arranged on the avenues between the platforms. It is almost impossible to give a description of the splendid appearance of the Brethren thus assembled—it was truly a magnificent sight, and worthy the occasion.

CEREMONIES IN THE SQUARE.

Prayer.

By the Rev. Bro. John Chambers, Grand Chaplain.

We beseech thee, Omnipotent Jehovah, thou Great Architect of the Universe, to protect, guide, and perpetuate this glorious Union, suffer not a link of the great chain that binds us as a people to be severed. And now, thou infinite Jehovah, as a band of Brethren, we implore thee, as the memories of the past crowd upon us, that the gates of the Temple of Liberty, erected by our Fathers, may stand open night and day, that the oppressed of all nations may here find a home, and the poor exile shake from his thin robes the chilly dews of other and less favored climes, and here clothe himself in the garments of Freedom. And like this great Masonic heart, whose pulsations are Universal Benevolence, Faith, Hope and Charity, may this institution continue to be one great heart of Unity and Love forever. Amen.

Masonic Ode.

Music by Bro. Wm. P. Cunnington, words by Bro. F. N. Crouch.
Choir and Full Orchestra.

Chorus.

Refulgent orb of Heaven and Earth,
That givest light and nature birth,
Beneath thy rays we offerings bring
Of filial love to Heaven's High King.
This day before thy Master's throne
We dedicate the work that's done;
Look down upon us, Mighty God,
And signify our labors good.
Our temple's raised our voices ring
With hallelujahs to Heaven's high King.

Solo.

We've sought the Landmarks of the good,
By drawing water, hewing wood;
By consecrating halls to Thee,

Thou God of vast Eternity.
From East to West our name is known,
From North to South Thy seed is sown.
Wherever man on earth repairs,
Thy love and laws he wisely shares.

Quartette.

Father of Mercy, Truth and Grace,
From every Mason's heart efface,
Each thought that would do wrong to Thee.
Master, through all Eternity,
Thy will be done on Earth, in Heaven—
Forgive our sins as we've forgiven—
Endue us with fraternal love,
Prepare us for the Lodge above;
Square in action, level, true,
As down life's vale we journey through,
Thine be the glory, Thine the praise—
Accept the joyous songs we raise.

Grand Chorus.

Hosannahs to the Father,
Through vaulted space shall run,
We consecrate our Temple,
The Builders' work is done.

Semi-Chorus.

Now to the Lodge repairing,
In true Masonic labors sharing;
Holy, just, and pure the creed,
To succor, and to clothe, and feed
The orphan child and widow'd mother;
The last behest of a dying Brother.

Grand Chorus.

Hosannahs to the Father, &c.

ORATION.

By Bro. James King, of Pittsburgh.

Right Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the Masonic Fraternity:

Standing in so conspicuous and honorable a position—on so grand and important an occasion—in this central city of intelligence and refinement, of "Charity" and "Brotherly Love," it is natural that I should feel deeply impressed by a sense of my incompetency to perform, acceptably, the part assigned me in these imposing ceremonies. Yet I can imagine, that could you have called a speaker—not as you have—from another place, but from a former time, his feelings would have been far more intense, if not widely different. Could he who was the first Master of a Masonic Lodge in Pennsylvania, the illustrious Franklin, have been summoned to address you to-day, what profound emotions would have filled his breast, while realizing the

grandeur of the scene before him! With what absorbing interest would he contrast the present with the early condition of this people, and compare their former privileges with these we now enjoy! With what unmixed delight would he survey this growing Metropolis—the city of his adoption—stretching out the arms of her enterprise towards the ends of the state; taking into her embrace the surrounding country, that she might add street to street and square to square; becoming, more and more, the patron of the arts and sciences which he loved, and even diffusing her intelligence by the lightning he had tamed. With what surpassing joy would he contemplate the expansion of that philanthropic—might I not say, Philadelphic spirit—which had fallen from him and his compeers, like the mantle of Elijah, upon their successors. And beholding the manifestation of that spirit in so many splendid institutions of benevolence—hospitals where the sick are healed and the insane restored to reason—asylums, where triumphant art gives light to the blind and language to the dumb—homes for the poor, decrepit age and the orphan, and, pre-eminent among the last, the college of Girard, established by one whom we are proud to claim as a Brother of our Order, and which in its magnificence as well as in its usefulness, is an example to the world; and his eye resting, at last, on the noble edifice, your great Masonic offering this day made to Love and Charity, would not his exultation be immeasurable as the capacities of his soul? I fancy that the gushing fountains of his feelings could not be restrained, and that his spirit would be borne upon the swelling tide of his emotions, when rising from your midst, to leave the shores of time. Is not this, indeed, an auspicious day for Masonry? Do we not perform the solemn and interesting services of this dedication under the most favorable and gratifying circumstances? Every cloud of opposition and adversity which has hitherto lowered upon our beloved Order, has been totally dissipated, and we stand in the clear sunlight of prosperity and peace. I congratulate you on the unusually bright and cheering prospects of the Order, at the present time, but, especially, on the successful, happy termination of your labors, in the erection of your new Masonic edifice. You have here a beautiful Temple, which by its commodious size and felicitous arrangement, is well adapted to the purposes for which it was constructed; and in the beauty of its architectural style and elegance of its finish, is a monument of the taste and enterprising spirit of the Masons in this flourishing city. The work has been well performed; its every stone has been "well squared and polished," all its parts "fitly joined" and in harmony with each other, while both utility and beauty mark its decorations. Long may it stand!—I repeat the hope expressed by your eloquent and distinguished orator, at the laying of its corner stone, "Long may it stand a proof of your vitality and a refuge to the poor, the persecuted and afflicted of all nations and tongues and kindred!" How different, Right Worshipful Sir, is the state of affairs

of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in possession of this magnificent Temple, from that, at the time of its separation from the Grand Lodge of England, of which event, this day is the 69th anniversary. Then the members as a body, had no dwelling place which they could call their own; but were satisfied with such accommodations as, with their more slender means, they were, from time to time, enabled to procure. They seemed more like sojourning in a strange land than having an inheritance therein. Their first place of meeting of which any record is preserved, was a room in Lodge Alley, and no mention is made of any other for the eight years immediately preceding 1790. This, so far as the comforts it afforded were concerned, could not have been a very attractive retreat, as the sum of five shillings, is recorded as the stipulated price paid for annual rent. During the nine years succeeding the date I have mentioned, the Lodge occupied a room in the upper part of a Free Quaker Meeting House, on a corner of Fifth and Arch streets. From thence they removed to an upper room in the State House. In this nursery of Liberty they remained and grew in strength, until by the purchase of a property on Filbert street, they first acquired the right to a habitation of their own. But before the latter place could be occupied, the Grand Lodge were obliged to leave the State House, and their meetings were held temporarily, in a room belonging to a Brother of the Order, in a quarter of the city not known. The proof of this is, a record on the Minute Book, of a vote of thanks, probably the only compensation necessary for the use of the room. The Hall fitted up on Filbert street, was dedicated on the 27th of December, 1802. At this period the Order entered on a brilliant career of prosperity and usefulness which received no serious check until the first Temple, built on the site of the present one, and dedicated on the 24th of June, 1811, was destroyed by a disastrous fire. This fire occurred in 1819, but such was the ardor of Masonic spirit at the time, that the "Phœnix rose from its ashes," and another Temple erected on the same spot, was dedicated on the 1st November, 1820. As a further illustration of the Masonic feeling then prevalent, it may be stated, that a thousand of the Brethren were present participating in the ceremony of that dedication. But the Craft had not fully recovered from all the difficulties occasioned by the destruction of their Temple, when a fire of a different nature, suddenly arose and threatened the entire desolation of their fair heritage. The fanatical spirit of Anti-Masonry, had enkindled the flame of persecution, which spread over the face of this and other States, with the wild fury of a mighty conflagration. This ordeal proved too severe for the devotion of many members, to the principles of Masonry. Various Lodges in the city and country fell, while the professions of the disloyal and insincere, were consumed as stubble. But though numbers were faithless some were faithful. These resolving to maintain their integrity, to the last, seized with firmer

hold the horns of their altar, and not only saved themselves but wherever the "mystic number" thus clung together, they saved their Lodges—at least from utter ruin. The loss sustained from this relentless persecution, by the Grand and Subordinate Lodges in Philadelphia, compelled them, with the view to husband their remaining resources, to abandon their Temple—the cherished home in which they had, peacefully and effectively, labored for fifteen years. Accordingly they secured a less expensive building on Third street, and having dedicated it on the 27th of December, 1835, they submissively retired to this place of refuge, resolving to endure what they could not avert, and to illustrate, if they could do no more, that heaven-born charity which "suffereth long and is kind." This was, indeed, a humiliation. It was hard to bear the consequences of so severe a calamity—hard to surrender the prospects of a bright future, opened up by the success of the past—hard to flee and leave the "good work" unfinished; but what more remained to them? "If the foundations be destroyed what can the righteous do?" Their patience and integrity, however, remained not long unrewarded. He "who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb," at length quelled the violence of the opposing spirit, and the devastating persecution was subdued. But long before its last embers were extinguished, the Order realized important advantages from the infliction. Being purified from much of their dross, they were prepared for a far brighter career. They seemed to be inspired with a new energy, to have derived life from the trials through which they had passed, and to make an advancement in growth and strength, unprecedented in their history. No sooner did they see their prosperity returning, than very many of the Grand Lodge longed to re-establish themselves in the place hallowed by the recollections of their former triumphs. Their affections clustered around the spot, where they were admitted to the privileges of Masonry—a sentiment as worthy of commendation as it was natural. Thus felt the captive sons of Judah, but still more intensely, who, as they hung their harps upon the willows by the waters of Babylon, could exclaim, "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, may my right hand forget her cunning!" Arduously and steadily have those brethren toiled for the accomplishment of their strong desire. Having surmounted every opposing obstacle, and approached nearer and still more nearly to their object, until after twenty years labor in preparing the way, all things, at last, are ready; and this day is witnessed their happy, glorious and complete return, and the consummation of their fondest hopes. While the Craft may properly rejoice in this event, they will remember with grateful feelings, those to whom they are most indebted for bringing it about, and especially, those who have executed, with such fidelity, the important trust of re-building the Temple. Under your administration, Right Worshipful Sir, and that of your honorable predecessor, the work has advanced with the utmost rapidity, compatible with a proper econ-

omy in the use of the appropriated means. Your devoted attention, and zeal manifested for its success must afford the Craft unmingled satisfaction, and place them under obligations of lasting gratitude. The Building Committee, with their able and efficient Chairman, for their valuable services, gratuitously rendered, deserve our warmest thanks. With much loss of time to their private business, they have daily and patiently watched its steady progress, as the praiseworthy workmen—

"Chipp'd the wood and hew'd the stone,
Till by degrees the beauteous fabric rose."

To the Architect who "furnished the designs for every portion of the building," our unqualified praise is also due. The Gothic style, or, as it is sometimes called, the "pointed Architecture," which has been considered emblematical of that faith which points to the Divine Architect as the sum and source of every excellence, was chosen for the edifice, as most consistent with its charitable uses. And you have but to survey the graceful arches, the ramified tracery, the beautiful finials surmounting well-proportioned buttresses, with all the characteristics of the Gothic style exhibited in the structure, to see that our Brother, in all his designs, has displayed a tasteful propriety, which reflects the highest credit on his skill. But wherewith shall we come before the Great Architect above, and what shall we render unto Him, who directs us in all our undertakings, and vouchsafes to us all the eminence to which we can attain? His all-seeing eye has been over you, and the arm of His protection has encircled you. He has defended you from the fear of danger, and delivered you from all your enemies. If He has required you to be tried as with fire, it has been as a test of your faith and patient continuance in well-doing. Well then may you dedicate your beautiful Temple to the glory of His excellent name, and consecrate it to purposes which He will approve. May the continual dew of His blessing descend and rest upon it, and may everything be excluded from it which is contrary to His will. Now let us consider the question pertaining to this matter, in which the public, as well as ourselves, will feel an interest. Being actuated by different motives, they will present it in various forms. "Why have you done this?" "Wherefore is all this waste of precious ointment." Much time has been occupied, much labor employed, much money expended upon the erection of this edifice—money has been invested here, professedly with benevolent intentions, which if distributed among the poor during the late period of scarcity and distress, would have dried up many fountains of sorrow, and made the hearts of many a destitute family leap for joy. Has all this investment been more benevolently, more wisely, more usefully made? How, in the common language of the business man, will it pay? It is not presumed, nor was it ever intended, as a leading object, that it should yield returns in the shape of a merchant's percentage. The profits expected to be gained from this

enterprise, are not profits in money, or stocks, or houses and lands; they will consist chiefly, in the revenue of influence that will accrue to the Craft, from the occupancy of so tasteful and attractive a Temple. And the question is, will this increased influence prove a sufficient compensation for the expenditure incident to its erection? Will it be an influence for good or for evil? Will it prove a blessing to mankind? That the erection of such a public edifice, is to be followed by results affecting, in some way, the interests and well being of society cannot be doubted. Incalculable in extent, has often been the influence emanating from structures of far less pretensions. We stand beneath the shadow of a time-honored, venerated building, very modest and unpretending in its style of architecture, which, within the memory of men yet living, sent forth a declaration of man's equal rights, the influence of which upon the political condition of the world will not, perhaps, be fully estimated until the star of liberty shall have reached its culmination, when the people of every land shall rejoice in its benignant light. How great too, have been, and will be the results flowing from the construction by the roadside of the little country school house—results never dreamed of by the neighbors collected at the "raising." Though the traveler in passing, should see there only a plain man, with a few urchins gathered in to acquire the rudiments of learning, yet that man may there be developing a power for directing and modifying the sentiments and actions of men, which will radiate to the utmost verge of society. Any structure, indeed, where men are accustomed to meet and consult for their mutual benefit, or upon matters of public concern, is likely to become the center of an ever-widening influence. It is as the stone cast upon the calm surface of the lake, that creates a circle which in the language of the great dramatist—

"Never ceaseth to enlarge itself.
Till by broad spreading it disperse to nought."

Occupying then as does your Temple, a prominent position among the magnificent monuments of Charity, by which your great City is distinguished, attended statedly as will be its Lodges, by a large, intelligent and influential membership, sought for by many to obtain protection and relief for the worthy Brother, his widow or orphans in distress; visited often by the stranger sojourning amongst you, who will come to receive your fraternal greeting, participate in your councils and profit by your "work," it cannot be other than the center of an influence, which, if it be good, may reach to the skies, or if it be evil, may carry its effects to the dismal abodes of the lost. But that the tendency of that influence will be to good results, Masons are abundantly persuaded. We believe that it will tend to refine the feelings, improve the manners, elevate the moral conduct, and smooth the asperities of life; that, in the comforts it will impart, and the substantial blessings it will diffuse, by sup-

plying the wants of the needy, relieving the sufferings of the distressed, and cheering the hearts of the desolate and lonely, this benign influence will approximate the practical operation of our holy religion, for "pure religion and undefiled before God is this, to visit the widow and the fatherless in affliction, and keep yourself unspotted from the world." Our reasons for this belief are derived from the principles and aims upon which Masonry is founded. In the duties it enjoins, the precepts it inculcates, the obligations it imposes, and the objects it will accomplish, it seeks to follow those perfect rules of life which comprise the morality of the Bible. In asserting this, I would not be understood as claiming for Masonry the character of a religious institution. On the contrary, although it regards the Bible as the Divinely inspired word,—as "the inestimable gift of God to man"—although it requires a profession of faith in the existence of its Author, as the first qualification of all who aspire to a participation in its mysteries, yet it does not contemplate man so much in the light of an immortal being, as in the relations he sustains as an intellectual and social creature. It does not dictate to any man in regard to the duties he owes to his Maker; but acknowledges the paramount importance of these, by teaching that his obligations as a Mason, are to be subordinated to them. In other words, it does not interfere with the religion of any, by proposing for their acceptance a creed of its own. But to the extent of its requirements it is in harmony with religion, by commending the practice of every virtue, and stamping disapprobation on every immorality. Its aim is chiefly to influence man for the present life, while religion goes further, in looking to his preparation, "both for the life that now is, and that which is to come."—Herein we acknowledge that the latter, (I speak here of true Christianity,) is better, nobler far, than any merely benevolent institution; and when, through the instrumentality of the Church, it shall have accomplished its blessed mission upon earth,—when by the power of the Gospel, all shall become of one heart and one mind, from "the rising of the sun to the going down of the same," a Christian Brotherhood, embracing the whole family of man, will render unnecessary any such as the Masonic, which is a brotherhood constituted by pledges of reciprocal interest and affections.—Thus while we set up the very highest claim for Masonry as a moral and benevolent institution, we yet glorify the Church—the institution which God hath ordained. It is an easy matter to persuade the fraternity that this claim to the moral tendency of Masonry is just—easy to answer to their satisfaction, the question, "what is the influence flowing from the propagation of their principles?" But can we thus satisfy the uninitiated? We may produce our book of constitutions, and defy the most severe critic, the most precise moralist, or the most perfect Christian, to point out any thing therein inconsistent either with good morals or pure religion; but can I throw open to this audience the portals of the Lodge, and

say, here are our rites, our ceremonies, our lectures, discussions and deliberations, examine them and judge of their tendency? These belong to our secrets, and may not be revealed by a Mason; for only the "tale-bearer revealeth secrets, but he that is a faithful spirit concealeth the matter." How then shall we dispel the doubts of the sceptical; how stop the mouth of the predjudiced objector; how even, convince the honest inquirer after truth? The latter class, at least are entitled to consideration. They may reasonably expect that if we have received "light," we should let it shine before the world, for "men do not light a candle and put it under a bushel." If then Masonry be good, how shall its excellency be manifested? There is a proof upon which, if we possess it, we may base our claim to a favorable judgment. If our acts—our works as Masons—are worthy, they must, according to the unerring rule of evidence, be taken as fruit springing from seeds of corresponding principles, and that, although the vital processes in the development of the fruit be a secret and a mystery; for "men do not gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles." In other words, "by their fruits ye shall know them." If this reasoning is sound, your speaker to-day is relieved from much responsibility, as it will follow that the estimate which those present are to place upon the merits of Masonry, is not to be drawn from his feeble and imperfect illustration of them, but from the argument deduced from living examples. At this I greatly rejoice. But how vast a responsibility does it not devolve upon those who have been admitted to the privileges of the Order. Upon them the eyes of the community will rest. If they, in their intercourse with their fellow-men, give no illustration of Masonic virtues; if they show that they have not learned to keep their passions and desires subdued within the circle which the compasses of reason and moderation describe; or that they have learned no other of the many moral lessons symbolized by the implements of the Craft, what observing man will believe that the Order is productive of any real good, or that all the display connected with the dedication of your beautiful temple, is aught but a vain show and a solemn mockery? Let the Craft then furnish the proof of the value of their institution; let each member demonstrate, in his life, the practical excellence of the lessons learned in the Mystic Order, and that he may be furnished for this and for every "good word and work," let him go to the Inspired Word, and draw from the depths of that ocean of truth those priceless gems, which shall adorn his character, and shed a lustre on his conduct. But let us pass to the consideration of another question; and let me ask the Masonic fraternity of Philadelphia, what more will you contribute to the order? You do not intend to include all that you have to do in one great gift of a gorgeous temple. May we not regard this as only a promise of greater zeal,—a pledge of higher, nobler efforts? However praiseworthy your edifice may be as an exhibition of taste, yet we attach value to it, chiefly, because of the confidence

it inspires, that you will make it the means of a great end,—the rearing in the midst of this people of a moral superstructure, which is to rest on the brotherhood, as so many pillars of support. Shall we not, then, look to you for brighter examples—more glorious displays of that spirit which you have already so laudably manifested? Shall we not look to you for an unprecedented progress—not what the world calls progress, consisting in the overthrow of all the good conserved by the wisdom of the past,—nor yet a progress consisting merely in large accessions to your numbers. Your progress is chiefly to be in individual culture, and an increase of those who will add strength and character to the Masonic institution. It is the quality, not the quantity, of material upon which the stability and symmetry of your superstructure will most depend. You may enlarge your membership, but if it be done by taking men from the ranks of those who have no fixed and virtuous principle, or no susceptibility to moral culture, your institution will become a mere "rope of sand," whose particles having no affinity of cohesion, will separate when exposed to the slightest tension.—Against this, there is, at the present time, especial reason to be guarded. Now, when no cloud of evil portent appears in your horizon, the mercenary and the selfish will seek the advantages of your association; but let them not be received, lest they betray you in the day of trial, and be driven, when the storm gathers, as dust before the wind. Lodges have often suffered from the reception of candidates destitute of sufficient qualifications. And the injury has not been confined to themselves alone. It is when the unworthy member leaves the Lodge and mingles with his fellow men, that by proving faithless to his obligations, and betraying the confidence of those who trust him because of his profession, he inflicts wounds that are deepest and most incurable. Lodges, therefore, owe it to the brethren every where, and the community generally as well as to themselves, to bar their doors against every character, who would bring reproach upon Masonry, and use it as a cloak under which they may practice imposition, or further mere selfish aims. They should exclude the idler, the spendthrift, the dishonest person, who either withholdeth the right or enforceth the wrong, the liar and every evil doer. These if admitted can but become unworthy members who will corrupt the influence of the Order. They will forever remain as rude, unpolished stones in your moral edifice, which appearing conspicuous therein, will mar its beauty, destroy its symmetry, if they do not ensure its fall. May we not expect, then, that the Lodges here will do honor to their beautiful temple by that careful scrutiny and wise discrimination, which will not close its doors, from private hostility, against the good, and never from considerations of personal favor, admit the bad? May we not also look to you for an illustration of the beauty of Masonry, in the work of Charity? Important as it may be to the welfare of the Institution that good men, and good men only, should be

initiated into its mysteries, yet this will avail but little to its advantage, unless these are employed in doing good. They will find that the opportunity for work is ample, and the necessity for it great. They will have enough to engage their kindest benevolence, and to employ their most active charity. Their charity need not end where it should begin; nor begin where it should end; but beginning, as it should, at home, it may and ought to go beyond home. There should be cultivated among the members of the Craft such a mutual sympathy,—such a feeling of common interest, that the disposition manifested, to serve, to assist, to befriend, and support the good name of each other, should exhibit a bond of union between them as strong, if possible, as the fraternal tie. And as we are taught that "charity extends to all mankind," so should a Mason feel it a privilege and a delight to "do good to all as he has opportunity." He should know no sweeter pleasure, no higher joy, than to stop by the way and dry up a tear or bind up a wound, let whosoever will "pass by on the other side." Such, in brief, is the charity which the Fraternity here will be expected to exemplify, or, to speak in the language of Masonry, this is the cement which is to be spread in the work of their Lodges—this the medium of cohesion and strength, by which your institution, as a moral superstructure, is to stand firm, united and enduring. In the last place, may we not look to you for examples of "that noble emulation, who can best work and best agree?" This is a duty incumbent upon each member of the Order. Each, being admitted into its fellowship, instructed in its mysteries, and made participant in its benefits, is bound to advance its interests, promote its harmony, and sustain its character for respectability—or Masonically speaking, each being secure in his "wages," is bound to perform his "work" with fidelity according to the designs drawn by the pencil of Inspiration upon the spiritual "Trestle Board." Each one has a character to form as a foundation stone or pillar upon which the edifice of Masonry is to rest; and if this, in any case is rough and unpolished, like the "Ashler" just taken from the quarry, the "gavel" of discipline is to be applied, until every thing like an asperity of temper, an irregularity of life, an obliquity of behavior, or a stain of dishonor is removed, and it is made to shine with the lustre of every virtue. To this work of self-improvement each is encouraged by the satisfaction he may derive from contemplating the beauty, in the proportion of a well formed character, by the pleasing reflection that his acts, as a good man, may confer immeasurable benefits upon society, and secure to him the reward both of present and future felicity; for as the poet hath it—

"The good begun by thee, shall onward flow,
In many a branching stream, and wider grow;
The seed, that in these few and fleeting hours,
Thy hands unsparing and unwearied sow,
Shall deck thy grave with Amaranthine flowers,
And yield thee fruits divine, in Heaven's immortal bowers."

Grand Chorus.

Music by Haydn. Adapted and arranged by Bro. W. P. Cunnington.

Achieved is the glorious work,
The Lord beholds it and is pleased,
In lofty strains let us rejoice,
Our song let be the praise of God.

Masonic Ode.

Music by Bro. W. P. Cunnington. Words by Bro. John K. Mitchell.
Choir and Full Orchestra.

O! glorious Builder of the vaulted skies!
Almighty Architect of Earth and Heaven!
Come down to bless the Mason's enterprise,
To Thee, O God, and Faith and Mercy given.
A home to Friendship, Truth, and Love is raised,
Where ages yet to come our Master shall be praised.

O make its deep foundations firm and fast!
O bless the rearing of the mighty pile!
And now to Thee its spires look up at last,
Upon the finished work and workmen smile!
Nor less the inner works of kindness bless!
And make the Mason's labor peace and happiness.

Enlarge our spirit!—let our means improve!
Enforce our faith!—make strong our mystic ties!
Exalt our friendship, and refine our love!
And let our hearts be pure before thine eyes!
So that while God approves, the world may see
How great and good a thing is Ancient Masonry.

Aid us to wipe the widow's bitter tear!
Help us to hear the orphan's lonely cries!
Be present when we soothe a Brother's care!
And be our strength in all calamities!
For what can we as one or many do,
Unless O Lord, with Thee our labors we pursue!

O! therefore, Builder of the vaulted skies!
Almighty Architect of Earth and Heaven!
Come down to bless the Mason's enterprise,
To thee, O God, and Faith, and Mercy given.
A home to Friendship, Truth and Love, is raised,
Where ages yet to come shall sound our Master's praise.

GRAND HALLELUJAH CHORUS BY HANDEL.

Arranged by Bro. W. P. Cunnington.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth,
The kingdom of this world is become
The kingdom of our Lord,
And he shall reign forever and ever
King of Kings and Lord of Lords!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

BENEDICTION.

By Bro. H. W. Ducachet, Grand Chaplain.

After the ceremonies in the Square, the line of march was again resumed, (the original formation being strictly observed,) the line moved by the left, passed around the Square, and out by the south gate to Walnut street, thence to Fifth street, thence to Arch street, thence to Seventeenth street, thence to Chestnut street, thence to New Hall. On the arrival of the head of the Procession at the Hall, the Brethren halted, faced inwards, and again countermarched in the usual form.

As the Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters of the respective Lodges arrived at the corner of Seventeenth and Chestnut streets, they broke from the Procession for the purpose of being formed with the Grand Lodge.

Upon entering the Hall, the Grand Lodge proceeded up stairs to the Grand Lodge room, where the ceremony of dedication was to be performed. The Subordinate Lodges merely filed through the building upon the lower floor and passed out of the rear door on Lodge street. They then repaired to convenient places, where they were dismissed.

CEREMONIES IN THE HALL.

Upon the entrance of the Grand Lodge, the Band played a Grand March. On the Grand Master reaching his Chair, the G. O. took their stations and the Members their seats.

Grand Lodge Opened.

PRAYER.

By Bro. R. Deshea Morris, Grand Chaplain.

The Architect then handed over to the Grand Master possession of the Building. After the reply of the Grand Master to the Architect, the following

MASONIC ODE.

Music by Bro. W. P. Cunnington. Words by Bro. Wm. H. Allen.

Temple of Ancient Masonry,
Grand Almonry, within thy massive walls
Rejoicing throng the faithful and the free,
To dedicate thy halls
To Truth, Love, Charity.

To Friendship, Honor, Secrecy,
To Mercy's deeds and Bounty's open hands,
To Order, Peace and the Fraternal Tie
Which binds with mystic band
True souls in harmony.

To these this Pile we dedicate
Reared on a site to Ancient memory dear,
Our father's legacy, our sons' estate,
Past, Present, Future, here,
Meet, mingle, emulate.

Long may thy turrets point to Heaven.
Long may thy firm foundations press the ground,
And long the Masons cordial welcome given.
Here soothe misfortunes wound,
And cheer the heart that's riven.

And while the widow's tears we dry,
Or raise a stricken Brother from despair,
Or hush the homeless orphan's bitter cry,
May Love's expanding care,
Embrace Humanity.

And Thou, Great Architect above,
Who dwellest not in temples made with hands,
Bless our Zerubbabels, their works approve,
Which now an offering stands,
To Thee, for Thou art Love.

THE CEREMONY OF DEDICATION.

Previous to which the following

ANTHEM.

Music by Haydn. Arranged by Bro. W. P. Cunnington.
Choir and Full Orchestra.

Now elevate the sign of Judah!
Now elevate the Banner!
Call it forth in Zion!
O put your trust in God!
He will save us.
He is always gracious to his servants.
O praise the Lord of Hosts!
Exalt his name and glorify him evermore.
For evermore! Amen.

The Music having ceased, Bro. John Chambers, Grand Chaplain, delivered the

Consecrating Prayer.

Bro. H. W. Ducachet, Grand Chaplain, standing before the L. made the

Invocation.

After the G. O. had taken their seats the

GRAND HALLELUJAH CHORUS.

Music by Haydn. Arranged by Bro. W. P. Cunnington.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
To the God of Israel.
He will save us in the day of flight.
God is great in Battle,
For he is the Lord of Hosts.
He is our refuge,
We will praise him for evermore.

Grand March.

PRAYER.

By Bro. R. Deshea Morris, Grand Chaplain.

AN ODE.

Music by Bro. W. P. Cunnington. Words by Bro. Freeman Scott.

Almighty Architect Divine!
To Thee we dedicate this Hall;
May it with Love and Truth combine
Fraternal Friendship, dear to all.

In Holy Saint John's memory dear,
We shall perform our work herein,
In true and free Masonic sphere;
And thus imploring Thee, begin;

Sweet Charity establish here;
Let Justice mildly here preside,
With Mercy tempered; void of fear,
All goodness here with men abide.

Faith, Wisdom, Hope, and Strength impart—
Let Constancy with Silence rest—
With Fortitude imbue the heart;
As Beauty smiles upon the blest.

Prosperity bestow on us
Within this temple, raised in hope
That we much good may do, and thus
Thy holier, Heavenly portals ope.

With love of Thee, good will to Men,
In Truth and Friendship we proclaim,
Throughout the world! again! again!
For evermore be this our aim.

The following are the names of the Grand and Past Grand Officers who participated in the ceremonies attendant on the Dedication, with the Building Committee and Architect.

GRAND OFFICERS.

Bro. James Hutchinson, Grand Master.
Bro. Peter Williamson, Deputy Grand Master.
Bro. John K. Mitchell, Senior Grand Warden.
Bro. Henry M. Phillips, Junior Grand Warden.
Bro. Thos. E. Baxter, Grand Treasurer.
Bro. William H. Adams, Grand Secretary.
Bro. G. Remak, Senior Grand Deacon.
Bro. R. Vaux, Junior Grand Deacon.
Bros. C. B. Reess and R. S. Wilson, Grand Stewards.
Bro. Jacob Steiner, Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. Jacob Loudenslager, Grand Marshal.
Bro. Horace L. Peterson, Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. William B. Schnider, Grand Tyler.

GRAND CHAPLAINS.

Brothers John Chambers, H. W. Ducachet, Kingston Goddard, R. D. Morris, Wm. Cooper, W. H. Reese.

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

Bros. Jas. Harper, C. Stevenson, Wm. Barger, Jas. Page, Peter Fritz, Wm. Whitney, A. Bournonville.

BUILDING COMMITTEE.

Bros. Jas. Page, F. Blackburn, W. Carr, Philip R. Engard, John Allan, Charles A. Rubicam.

ARCHITECT.

Bro. Jas. B. Sloan.

APPENDIX B.

[From "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. B. Franklin Jackson, Printer. 1856."]

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST'S DAY,
NEW HALL, PHILADELPHIA, December 27th, 5855.

Presiding Grand Master, Bro. James Hutchinson, made the following very appropriate address.

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge.

Before I retire from the high position which through your kindness and partiality I have occupied for the last two years, allow me to detain you a few moments while I refer to the present situation of the Grand Lodge, with the course pursued by me during my administration. When I entered upon the exercise of the duties of your Grand Master, two years since, I did so with much distrust in my abilities to discharge those duties to the satisfaction of my brethren, but at the same time intending to use my best exertions faithfully and conscientiously so as to act as at least to preserve me from the charge of intentional wrong. How far I have succeeded is not for me to say. Long before I occupied this chair, I thought I could perceive the necessity of a more free and perfect intercourse between the members of the Order residing in this City and our country brethren, the more especially as there was reason to believe that in consequence of the distance of many of our country Lodges from the City, the uniformity of action in our proceedings was materially affected. This has engaged much of my attention, and in accordance with my views heretofore expressed on this head, I have, accompanied by other Officers of the Grand Lodge, visited many of the Lodges within our jurisdiction, remote from this place. It affords me much satisfaction to state that I have found them very generally in a sound state; Order, Harmony, and Peace prevailing among them. Some however, have not been as attentive to the regulations which exist in Pennsylvania, as could be wished. This has arisen in a great measure from a want of that information which should have been afforded them by the Grand Lodge, as in no instance have I noticed anything but a wish to conform to all the regulations of the Grand Lodge, when known. I feel assured that the visits thus made will have a beneficial effect. In all the visits referred to I have much pleasure in stating, that the Officers of the Grand Lodge have been received with that frank, kind, and brotherly

affection which is the true characteristic of the Craft. In connection with this subject I would respectfully suggest for the consideration of the Grand Lodge, whether a change from quarterly to annual communications might not be made with advantage to the interests of the Craft, where the business of the Grand Lodge might be transacted in sessions continued from day to day until completed, thereby affording to all the members an opportunity of attending and participating in discussing the objects and interest of the Craft, alike interesting to all wherever located. I have received communications from most of our District Deputy Grand Masters, all speaking highly of the condition of the Craft in their respective districts, representing the cause of Masonry as in a state of healthful increase. It is a source of high gratification to be able to refer to the continued flourishing condition of the Craft, more so at this period than for many preceding years. All our Lodges appear to be increasing in numbers, and this increase is of a character calculated to advance the true objects and intentions of the order. May this long continue, is the sincere prayer of every true Mason. In connection with the present flourishing condition of the Order, I respectfully caution the brethren to use with care the rejecting power, but at the same time not to hesitate in its use where a positive necessity for it is apparent, recollecting that no mere difference of political or religious opinion should be allowed to operate. Masonry is general in its object—the good man and true, the firm believer in the great Supreme Ruler of the Universe, being the only points about which there can be no concession. There has been no change in our situation with other Grand Lodges since the last annual communication; the most friendly and brotherly feeling still existing, with the exception of the New York Grand Lodge which remains as heretofore. This subject however having been set apart for consideration on the first Monday in January next, I entertain a hope that the existing difficulties will be settled to the satisfaction of all. The subject of a revision of the Ahiman Rezon which has so often been recommended to the attention of the Grand Lodge, is now in the hands of a competent committee, whom I have no doubt will be able to report during the coming year such judicious alterations, as will remove the numerous difficulties which have attended the full understanding of many of its provisions. During the past year the Grand Lodge have established a Grand Lodge Charity Fund, for the relief of the widows, children, mothers and sisters of Masons, the intention of which is to relieve the subordinate Lodges from the numerous applications for temporary relief which have been pressed upon them, and under circumstances making it next to impossible properly to discriminate—and an additional object of this new fund is to concentrate all applications in one body where they can be properly investigated, and where the meritorious will not only be relieved temporarily, but will be supplied with small sums, enabling them to start in some business by which they can support themselves

and families in respectability, and be relieved from the humiliation of dependence on the casual aid from lodges—this will also in a great measure prevent imposition upon the order, which it is feared has too often been practised. The Fund is to be raised by yearly contributions from the Grand and such Subordinate Lodges as may see fit to join in the measure. It is calculated to amount in ten years to at least Fifty Thousand Dollars—twelve lodges have already subscribed, and the whole is in charge of Five Trustees elected by the Grand Lodge—its distribution is in the hands of a Board of Almoners, composed of four members appointed by the Grand Master, and one member from each subscribing Lodge. This plan I respectfully recommend to the early consideration of all our lodges, fully believing that much good will be the result. For more particular information I refer the brethren to the able report of the Committee to whom the subject was referred. Since our last annual comunication an event has taken place which forms an important epoch in the history of the Craft in this jurisdiction, and is associated with many pleasing as well as painful recollections and reflections, and claims on this occasion more than a mere passing notice at my hands—I have reference to the erection of this magnificent Temple, dedicated to "Free Masonry, Virtue, Science, and Universal Benevolence," of which we may proudly say, that its beauty and strength challenge the admiration of the world. The successful completion of this structure, besides being a self-evident proof of the present prosperity of the Craft, demonstrates the indestructible vitality of Masonry, which through the unflinching fidelity of good men and true, and the guidance of an all kind Providence, has been able to endure the severe trials of fanatic persecution, to silence and to survive hatred, envy and malice, and even to bring into its ever charitable folds, and cause to kneel at its altars, its thoughtless slanderers and repentant defamers, thus shedding its benignant rays into thousands of hearts, whose constant offerings on the shrine of Charity and brotherly love are already adding new lustre to its everlasting light and glory. Nearly half a century ago it was first contemplated to erect a Masonic Temple on the spot where this edifice now stands; accordingly the corner stone was laid on the 17th of April, 1809, and the building on being completed was dedicated to Masonic purposes on the 24th of June, 1811. For nearly eight years succeeding the dedication of the first Masonic Hall erected on this site, the Craft in this jurisdiction progressed with slow but sure steps to increasing prosperity, when it experienced a serious calamity in the destruction of the Hall by fire on the 9th of March, 1819. Although the Hall was speedily rebuilt, and was again dedicated on the 1st of November of the following year, 1820, yet the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge had received a shock by its loss from which it required time to recover; unfortunately however, the difficulties in which the Grand Lodge became involved by the loss of the Hall, were soon much aggravated by the hue and cry raised against Masonry—and

the Anti-Masonic feeling which spread like wildfire through the length and breadth of our country, and has become a part of its political history, necessarily stifled the sinking energies of the Craft, the weak-minded and wavering deserting its walls; many Lodges were dissolved, and it remained for those firm in mind and true in heart to steer the wrecking Craft into a haven of safety, and by anchoring its weather beaten, but sound and stout limbs in a quiet harbor, save them for future action and usefulness. To relieve the pressure of financial difficulties under which the Grand Lodge laboured, without infringing upon the execution of the humane objects peculiar to the Craft, it was, although very reluctantly, resolved to give up the Temple dedicated to Masonic purposes for another spot more consistent with the limited resources of the Grand Lodge. Accordingly a suitable place was obtained in South Third Street, prepared and dedicated on the 27th of December, 1835. The removal to the new site was to those who were then devotedly attached to the Craft, and participated in that necessary change, a source of much painful feeling, yet "those that sow in tears shall reap in joy," and many of the brethren that then earnestly mourned to abandon the hallowed spot, have been spared by the Great Architect to return to it, and renew in these halls their former Masonic associations. As the man of mature age cherishes a holy attachment for the clods of earth upon which he first beheld the light of life, so did even those brethren who had been eye witnesses to the sore trials of the Craft within these venerated walls, laguish to return to the spot where they had first been brought to true Masonic light. A kind Providence seemed to assist the execution of this much cherished wish. The purchasers of the Chestnut Street Hall failing to comply with the conditions of the sale, the Grand Lodge came again into the possession of the property. The excitement against Masonry having in the meantime gradually died away, the Craft again commenced to prosper and to increase in numbers. Painful as the contemplation was for years to the brethren that the old Masonic Temple should be desecrated by uses and applications totally foreign to Masonry, it was assuaged to some extent by the silent hope that the day was not far distant when the Craft would be enabled to erect a new structure on the old site. This hope was constantly strengthened by the continued prosperity of the Craft; the old Hall in the meantime yielding an income to the Grand Lodge which materially assisted its financial affairs. The first step towards the realization of that hope was taken early in the year 1852, when a Committee was appointed to procure plans for the erection of a new Masonic Temple. After adopting one, and creating a Building Committee, the corner stone was laid by my worthy predecessor, the then Right Worshipful Grand Master, Anthony Bournonville, on the 21st of November, 1853, it being my good fortune as Right Worshipful Grand Master, with the assistance of the brethren, to dedicate this Temple when completed, on the 26th of September, 1855,—upon this

occasion at least 4000 members of the order, including Officers and Brethren from a number of our sister Grand Lodges, assisted in the ceremonies. Long and fresh will the recollection of that day live in the memory of the brethren of this and other jurisdictions who were present and participated in or were eye witnesses of that imposing ceremony, and I trust that years after most or all of us shall have passed from these earthly labours to eternal refreshment, future generations of Masons under this jurisdiction will look back with just pride to the day on which thousands of good men and true did from the depth of their hearts send up their rejoicings and thank offerings to the Great Architect on High. It is worthy of remark, in connection with the erection of this Temple, that no accident occurred during its construction calculated to cast a gloom over the brethren employed in the work.

FINANCES OF THE GRAND LODGE FOR 1855.

Receipts.

From Lodges, Chapters, &c.		$17,650 92
" Grand Chapter		1,000 00
" District Deputy Grand Masters		1,082 17
" Warrants		403 20
" New Hall, for rent of stores		1,075 00
" Third Street Hall		262 50
" Old Material from stores		14 67
" Grand Secretary, for Certificates, Dispensations, &c.		1,723 50
" Insurance returned on furniture, Third St. Hall		69 13
" Interest from New Loan, before transferred to Girard Bequest		475 00
" Balance from last report		1,422 67
Total		$25,178 76

Payments.

Insurance on New Hall and Furniture		$1,363 29
Paid to City Poor Fund		500 00
" Lodge No. 281, they having lost their Hall by fire		100 00
" for Granite Pavement		3,761 83
" Interest on New Loan		6,650 00
" " on Mortgage Third St. Hall		330 00
Bills of Furnishing Committee as follows:		
S. A. Harrison	$1,700 00	
E. Werner	1,750 00	
F. Blackburn	100 00	
G. W. Watson	313 96	
Baker & Williams	450 00	
J. Spencely, Jr.	100 00	
		4,513 96
Repairs and Alterations, to New Stores		150 61
Dedicating New Hall, Music, &c.		1,624 39

Amount brought forward, Receipts		$25,178 76
" " " Expenses	$18,994 08	
Paid for repairs to Grand Lodge Regalia	381 13	
Paid for Visitation to the subordinate Lodges by the R. W. G. Master	592 92	
" " Salaries of Grand Treasurer Grand Secretary and Grand Tyler	1,541 20	
" for Taxes, Third St. Hall	270 00	
" for Chestnut St. Hall	639 00	
" for Incidental expenses, including Water, Coal, Gas, Printing, Stationery, Postage, Candles, &c., &c.	1,632 62	
Balance on hand, January 1st, 1856	1,127 81	
		$25,178 76

ESTIMATE OF RECEIPTS FOR 1856.

From Lodges	$17,000 00	
Interest	110 00	
Rents	8,710 00	
Dispensations, &c.	2,000 00	
		$27,820 00

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR 1856.

Interest on Loan	$8,000 00	
Salaries	1,700 00	
Hall Committee	1,000 00	
Taxes and Water rent	1,000 00	
Miscellaneous	1,100 00	
		12,800 00
Probable amount toward Sinking Fund		$15,020 00

NEW MASONIC LOAN.

The first loan of $110,000, authorized by Grand Lodge, April 4th, 1853, was completed on the 19th of September last, the whole amount having been subscribed. The certificates for this stock are now all ready, and part of them have been delivered. Of this loan $89,750 was taken by the Grand and subordinate Lodges, and the several Trusts, and the balance of $20,250, by individuals. Of the second loan of $50,000, authorized by Grand Lodge, August 15th, 1855—$14,200, has been taken, nearly all by the several Trusts of the Grand Lodge. It is hoped that the balance will be taken in time to meet the exigencies of the Grand Lodge.

GIRARD BEQUEST.

From the report of the Stewards of this bequest, I find that the Fund amounts at this time to $38,454.09, which is safely invested in Masonic Loan, ($36,900). The Committee state in their report, that this amount "has not been produced by any diminishing of appro-

priation to the objects of our bounty, for we have for years annually appropriated $200 more than the Founder of the Trust contemplated, but is owing to the favorable terms on which the investments were made. During the past year $2,060 has been distributed. Sixty-one applicants in this jurisdiction have received $1,445, and thirty-three applicants from other parts have received $615. But one death has occurred within the knowledge of the Board since the last report. Two Thousand Dollars has been appropriated for this year's distribution. The different committees of the Board of Stewards, deserve all praise for the zeal and attention with which they have attended to their duty.

Grand Lodge Charity Fund.

This fund consists of the following amount, received from former Trustees of said Fund in Masonic Loan, Mortgages, and cash.

The balance in their hands	$9,766 47
Received from Grand and Subordinate Lodges	1,093 00
	$10,859 47
Amount of Fund now invested and bearing interest, 137 Shares Masonic Loan	$6,850 00
Mortgage on lot in Germantown	3,200 00
	$10,050 00
Available for distribution by Almoners for the year ending September 30, 1856,	
Balance of contribution from Subscribing Lodges	$804 00
Interest on old investment, 6 months	288 00
Cash on deposits and interest thereon and orders on hand	462 00
	$1,554 00

During the year $445 has been distributed to thirty-nine applicants—of this sum, $340 up to the change in the arrangement of said Fund, and $105 since the change. This Fund when completed under the new arrangement, is calculated to afford very enlarged assistance to the objects contemplated.

Expenses of Building and Furnishing.

From a statement received from the Finance Committee, I find there has been paid up to this time on account of building New Hall, $108,979.73, and there will be yet required for outstanding bills about $17,000 the precise amount cannot be yet stated as all the bills are

not yet in. If this estimate prove correct, the cost of the building will be		$125,979 75
For furnishing the Hall there has been paid up to this time	$16,497 30	
Estimated amount unpaid	14,000 00	
Cost of Furnishing		30,497 30
Making the cost of Hall and furnishing		$156,477 05
Amount yet necessary to complete the payments		$31,000 00

During the past year three new lodges have been constituted, viz: No. 294 at Ashland, Schuylkill County; No. 295 at Philadelphia, called "Melita," No. 296 at Germantown, called "Mitchel," all of which, assisted by the Grand Officers, I have constituted. I have reason to believe that the above are calculated to add to the reputation of the Craft. A Warrant, No. 293, was also granted to brethren at Huntingdon, which has since been recalled, two of the brethren nominated for Officers having removed to a distance—another set of brethren of the same place have since applied, upon which there has yet been no action. Several other applications have been made, but being mostly from New York Masons, they have been laid over for the present. Having now noticed all the subjects which occur to me as proper at this time, it only remains for me to again tender you my sincere acknowledgments for the high honors conferred on me, and also for patience extended and kindness rendered me during my term of service. Hoping at the appointed time to meet you all in that Temple to which all our hopes and wishes point, I bid you farewell.

ADDRESS OF PETER WILLIAMSON, ESQ., RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN AND FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING.

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:—Having now assumed the responsibilities connected with the highest and most distinguished office in the gift of the Craft, to which I have been called by your free suffrages; a deep sense of the fraternal regard which has so largely contributed to this result, compels me to give some expression, imperfect though it be, to the grateful emotions which your preference has occasioned. With the frank avowal of my just appreciation of this mark of confidence and regard, I cannot but assure you, of my unabated zeal and attachment to the principles and objects of the Order, and determination to cherish and promote them, to the full extent of my power and influence. The duties I now enter upon, are of a varied and important character; involving in no small degree, the reputation and welfare of the Craft. The ob-

ligations imposed upon the Grand Master are of a most solemn and binding character, and must not be evaded by any pretext, or set aside for any reason whatever. He is not only bound to preserve inviolate, the customs, usages and landmarks of the Order, upon which its strength, efficiency and perpetuity mainly depend, but must also protect and defend them from invasion by others, and guard with ceaseless vigilance and care, any and every attempt at innovation or change upon our time-honored customs. "To him," in the language of the Ahiman Rezon, "belongs the general supervision of the Craft." Great and extraordinary powers are therefore necessarily conferred upon him, requiring much prudence, skill and firmness. In the exercise of these powers, his course should be courteous and forbearing, that no unnecessary offence may be given, no exasperated opposition be excited to the due enforcement of the Laws and Regulations of the order. Every endeavour should be promotive of amity, to the end that our united action, may not be marred by dissension, but closely cemented by Harmony and Love, which is so infallibly productive of happiness, not only to ourselves, but to all within the sphere of our efforts. In approaching the difficult, and in many instances not clearly defined duties of my office, I confess that a feeling of timidity and distrust in my own ability, to carry out successfully, the great and important objects of our venerable and time honored institution, oppress me. Notwithstanding the purest intentions, I cannot indulge the hope that my administration will prove so free from error as not to require your fraternal indulgence, and must therefore depend entirely upon a Mason's charity, to determine an erring judgment as alone responsible for my faults, whatever they may be. I shall place much reliance upon the intelligence, fidelity, and Masonic skill, of the worthy and efficient Grand Officers with whom it is my good fortune and happiness to be associated, and will also be most happy to receive and improve the counsel and advice of the old and experienced members of the Craft. Their lessons of wisdom will always be received with profound respect, and shall have their due influence on my action. I will ever lend a ready ear to any suggestion calculated to promote the interests or advance the prosperity of Masonry, and especially those of the Grand Lodge. Thus endeavouring conscientiously to discharge the obligations and duties I have this day assumed, I cherish the hope that I may prove myself not unworthy of the generous confidence you have reposed in me. I will assume no right not clearly belonging to my office, nor shrink from the proper exercise of any powers with which it has been entrusted. In all doubtful matters I will refer their consideration to the Grand Lodge, the only "true and legitimate source of Masonic authority." Its decisions we are all equally bound to respect, and no faithful Mason, will ever contumaciously resist or disregard them. To all such decisions, I hold it my duty to yield a prompt obedience, and hope thus to maintain the respect and authority of this Grand Lodge, and

preserve the true dignity of the exalted station, to which by your partiality I have been elevated, and transmit to my successor the jewel of office bright and untarnished as I have this day received it. Free discussion on subjects involving the interests or promotive of the benefits of the order, should always be encouraged and protected. And as it cannot be expected that entire unanimity will always prevail, yet in all differences of opinion which may at any time exist, it will be our duty to see that the "charity which suffereth long and is kind, which is not easily provoked, and which thinketh no evil," shall have its full and free exercise in our hearts, that the best construction may be put upon a brother's motives, and that we may never forget, even in the heat of argument, that however we may differ in opinion, brotherly love should always prevail. With these brief remarks, exhibiting the views which I entertain of the principles which should govern my conduct in the administration of the affairs of the Grand Lodge, permit me also to congratulate you, upon the prosperous condition of the Craft, in almost every place throughout our widely extended country. Most truly may it be said, that the order is flourishing beyond any former period in its history. The storm of persecution and political fury which so long oppressed us, has passed away; the clouds of suspicion and distrust, which overspread our fair horizon, have been dispersed, and the bright and cheering sun of Masonry is shedding its benignant influence over all within its sphere. But especially within our own jurisdiction, do we experience these happy results. Not only in the increased number of lodges, the character, zeal and intelligence of the members, but in the realization of the long cherished, and often deferred hope, the erection of our Temple—a structure unsurpassed in beauty and convenience, by any similar edifice either in this country or perhaps in the world—at once a monument of the zeal and liberality of the Craft, an honour to the fraternity and an ornament to our City. And that we are permitted, on this, the first St. John's day anniversary after its completion, to assemble within its sacred courts, dedicated to the great principles of Masonry, to perform our solemn rites, to relieve the distressed to dry the tear of the widow and fatherless, and aid and cheer each other whilst travelling the great journey of life. Invoking the Divine Blessing on the labours of the year, so auspiciously begun, I conclude by asking you to join with me in offering humble thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe, for the manifold blessings which he has graciously vouchsafed to us—and while deeply penetrated with gratitude for the past, let us hope and pray, that his all-wise Providence, will so guard and direct us, in all our future doings, that we may be enabled to carry out successfully the benevolent designs, contemplated by our venerable and charitable institution, and by patient continuance in well doing, may so fulfill our duties here as worthy Masons, that when called from labour in the lodge on earth, we may be admitted to partake of endless refreshment in the Celestial Lodge, the Lodge not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

APPENDIX C.

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GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

At an Extra Quarterly Communication held December 15th, A. D. 1856, A. L. 5856, the following Report was read, and on motion duly made and seconded, it was Resolved that the Report be printed, and each Lodge furnished with a copy:

PHILADELPHIA, December 1, A. D. 1856, A. L. 5856.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

In obedience to the provisions of the 4th Section of the 7th Article of the By-Laws of the "Grand Lodge Charity Fund," the undersigned respectfully submits the following report of the transactions of the Board of Almoners for the past year.

The several appropriations made by the Trustees of the "Grand Lodge Charity Fund," for distribution by the Board of Almoners, amounted in all to the sum of....		$1,749 97
The disbursements by said Board have been as follows, to wit:		
On 89 applications from Widows of deceased brothers	$1,421 00	
On 5 applications from Daughters of deceased Brothers	85 00	
On 2 applications from Mothers of deceased Brothers	35 00	
Making the total amount expended in charity...	$1,541 00	
To which add for printing revised By-Laws.....	14 50	
Making the total expenditure.....		1,555 50
Leaving a balance for distribution, to the first Tuesday in January, 1857		$194 47

The sum of $1,541.00 was distributed as follows, to wit:

To the Widows, &c., of members of Lodges contributing to the Fund.....	$945 00
To the Widows, &c., of members of other Lodges within this jurisdiction	260 00
To the Widows, &c., of members of other Lodges within the United States.....	190 00

To the Widows, &c., of members of Lodges located in England	$70 00
To the Widows, &c., of members of Lodges located in Ireland	66 00
To the Widows, &c., of members of Lodges located in British Islands	10 00
Total, as above	$1,541 00

It will thus be seen that $945 has been distributed amongst the Widows, &c., of Members who belonged to Lodges contributing directly to this Fund, and $596 to other worthy applicants who were entitled to our sympathy and relief. Under the letter of the law, the Board of Almoners might here, with propriety, conclude the report of their transactions for the past year: but the occasion seems to call for, and justify an expression of the reflections which a review of the operations of the year forces upon the mind. It cannot be doubted—indeed, it is herein made manifest, that a vast amount of suffering has been relieved, even by the efforts of twelve Lodges, assisted by the contributions of the Grand Lodge. Such being the case, with the limited means at the disposal of the Board, how effective and abiding would be the relief which the combined contributions of all the Lodges meeting in this city could afford? And how many of the Widows, Mothers, and Daughters of our deceased Brothers would be relieved from the necessity of appealing to other sources of charity, and have their hearts made glad through the benefactions of this noble Institution alone? There are now thirty-four Lodges meeting within the bounds of this City, to wit:—One at Frankford, one at Manayunk, two at Germantown, one at Richmond, one at Kensington, one at West Philadelphia, and twenty-seven in this Hall. Only twelve of these, viz:—Nos. 2, 3, 9, 51, 52, 59, 71, 72, 115, 130, 155, and 289 have embraced the provisions of the laws creating this Fund, which were adopted and commended to the sanction and support of the subordinate Lodges, by the unanimous vote of the Grand Lodge, at one of its most numerously attended Quarterly Communications. This strange fact might readily suggest the idea, that if those Lodges that so promptly entered into a measure recommended by such authority, and with such unanimity, had anticipated the cold reception it has received from their sister Lodges meeting in this Hall, (to say nothing of those meeting in other parts of the city,) they, too, might have wrapped themselves in the mantle of self-support, leaving the destitute Widows of our deceased brethren of the interior of our own State, as well as those of other jurisdictions, to the casual and scanty relief afforded through repeated applications to the Lodges acting separately. But, having entered into the system with an abiding faith in its usefulness and practicability, and feeling assured that it only needs to be fully understood to commend itself to the confidence and support of our

City Lodges, they have neither the design or disposition to relinquish it. The Board of Almoners has been made acquainted with most of the objections urged against the present organization of this Charity Fund. Some object because the law requires the Almoners to be Past Masters; others, that it concentrates too much power in the Grand Lodge; others, that it takes from individual members the privilege of voting in their Lodges upon each grant of charity made; others, that it would take from the funds of their Lodge a larger amount than could be afforded for charity; others, that it would divest their Lodges of the means of social entertainment, to which they have been accustomed; and others, again, because they have ample means to support their own poor, and prefer dispensing their charity in their own Lodge. These, and other objections, it is neither the disposition nor the province of the Board to discuss in this report. In how far they are tangible and well founded, must be for each Lodge to decide for itself. The Board will only say, that if the laws governing the Fund are objectionable, the objections can be easily remedied. Every improvement suggested thus far has met with prompt consideration; nor has the Grand Lodge been less prompt in giving her sanction to all proper amendments. And so far as regards the apprehension that too much power will be concentrated in the Grand Lodge, under this system of charity, we have only to reflect that the entire object is *Charity*, and that the Grand Lodge is but the reflex of the sentiments of the subordinate Lodges in all matters of local legislation. Therefore, under a full conviction of the beneficial results attending this system of dispensing the enlarged charities of the order; convinced that a brief period will fully test its efficacy, and persuaded that many of the Lodges which have hitherto refused to participate in its operations, will, in due time, review their former judgments, and give the "Grand Lodge Charity Fund" the benefit of their cheerful acquiescence and warm support, the Board of Almoners present this, their first annual report.

NOTE.—The contributions to this Fund, for the year just closed, by the Lodges whose names are above designated, amounted to $1,687.00. Of which $421.75 was invested, and $1,265.25 for distribution in charity.

Fraternally Submitted,

WILLIAM ENGLISH, *President,*
"For the Board of Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund."

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Secretary of the Board of Almoners, G. L. C. F.

APPENDIX D.

[From "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia. B. Franklin Jackson, Printer. 1857."]

ADDRESS OF PETER WILLIAMSON, ESQ., RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, IN AND FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING.

BRETHREN:—Through the goodness and mercy of the Great Architect of the Universe, we again assemble on this eventful day, consecrated to the memory of our holy Patron St. John, and commence another Masonic year.

While many have been summoned from the responsibilities of life, since our last annual meeting, we are yet preserved, and permitted to resume our work, and labor of Love, and unite in promoting the great interests of the order.

With such feelings, let us now enter upon our duties; and with grateful hearts to the Author and Giver of all good, for the manifold benefits of which we have been the recipients during the past, invoke His blessing on our future efforts, that Peace and Harmony, Brotherly Love and Charity, may so prevail and govern our actions, that the prosperity of our institution may be continued, and all our good intentions crowned with success; and that finally, having finished our work on earth as good and faithful Masons, we may be received and accepted as living stones, fitted and prepared for the Builder's use for that spiritual Temple, that House not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

The year which has just closed may truly be said to have been one of peace and quietness. Nothing has occurred to mar the harmony or impede the labors within our temple. The benign spirit of Freemasonry seems to have presided over our conduct and influenced our actions—the voice of discord and confusion have not been heard within our borders—from almost every portion of our extended jurisdiction, has come up the cheering intelligence, that our labors have been blessed and our Lodges prospering.

May this happy condition be continued, and may we always manifest our zeal for the welfare of the order, by an undiminished devotion to its interests, and unabated appreciation and practice of its principles.

The Committees having in charge the various subjects which have been referred to them, as also those to whom have been committed the several trusts, with the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity

Fund, and the Almoners of the Charity Fund, have been diligent and faithful, in the discharge of their respective duties, and will submit for your sanction and approval the result of their labors.

The Grand Secretary will also furnish his report of the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, which will render it unnecessary for me to recapitulate the statements thus made, and will, therefore, confine myself exclusively to a report of my own proceedings.

During the year I have visited the several Lodges meeting at the Hall in this City almost every evening, and given the necessary attention to the duties of my office.

I have also devoted a portion of every morning to attendance at the same place, for the accommodation of the brethren having occasion for my services.

Among these duties may be enumerated the following:—

I have granted 14 Dispensations to E. P. and Raise, 11 to Pass and Raise, 4 to Raise, 179 to Pass the Chair.

I have signed 55 Grand Lodge Certificates for the amount of $41,000 of the additional Masonic Loan.

Beside which, I have received and answered more than 300 letters from different places in the State, propounding questions, and asking advice on almost every variety of Masonic subjects; most of which, have been occasioned, and may fairly be attributed to the imperfect and indefinite character, of our present Ahiman Rezon; which it is to be hoped will be obviated in future by the adoption of the revised copy which has been submitted for your approval by the committee who have had the subject under consideration.*

In the performance of a duty enjoined upon me to visit the Lodges out of the city as often as may be practicable, I left home on the 20th day of May, in company with the Grand Secretary, P. G. M. Barger and Brother Steiner, for Altoona, Hollidaysburg, Pittsburg, Canonsburg and Washington.

At Altoona we visited the Lodge room in company with several of the members. The Grand Secretary examined the books, and gave instructions in reference to the proper mode of recording the minutes.

The Lodge is recovering from the difficulties under which it has

*The applications for Dispensations to E. P. and Raise, have been numerous and importunate; but being long since convinced that our Temple doors yielded already, too easily to outside pressure, and that in the exercise of this privilege, something more was required than the mere fact of "being about to leave the State," I have, with the exception of the few cases here noted, refused to give my consent, preferring rather to throw the responsibility of Initiation upon the Lodge, than to assume it myself, and afterwards, if circumstances would justify, dispense with the usual time required to Pass and Raise, or Raise only, as the case might be.

I would here call the attention of the officers of the Lodges to the thoughtless manner in which, too often I fear, they attach their names to applications for this purpose, and urge upon them to be more cautious, and never recommend, without full knowledge of character, and o her qualifications, a knowledge which at all times is not easily obtained, especially of those from other jurisdictions, or places remote from the location of the Lodge, and hence in too many cases neglected altogether.

been laboring for some time, in consequence of the accidental burning of the Hall, and have accumulated through the liberality of the different Lodges, a considerable sum towards rebuilding or erecting a new one.

At Hollidaysburg we were cordially welcomed by the members of Lodges No. 220, 281, and 282.

The brethren were convened in the evening, and the Lodge opened to receive us. After delivering an address, proceeded to exemplify the work. Upon the recommendation of D. D. G. M. Creswell and the assistance of Brother Barger, a candidate was entered, passed and raised by virtue of my presence.

The work connected with the opening and closing, also passing to the Chair by election and by dispensation, installing of officers, &c., was then exemplified, and after replying to the various questions which were propounded, the convention was closed in harmony.

The brethren appear to be zealous, and manifest a disposition to practice the work as instructed, in accordance with the usages of our jurisdiction.

At Pittsburg a number of brethren waited upon us on our arrival, and received us with much courtesy. In the evening a large number of the members of the several Lodges located here and in Allegheny City, were convened in the spacious and convenient Lodge room in their new Hall. The Worshipful Master of the oldest Lodge presiding. A formal Grand Visitation was made, and an address delivered, after which we were welcomed by Brother Judge Shalor on behalf of the assembled brethren.

Encouragement was then given to all present to propose any question in reference to the work or other peculiarities of the order, which being duly responded to the convention closed.

On the following evening the brethren were again assembled for instruction, when upon the recommendation of our kind Brother Dr. King, to whom we are indebted for the admirable oration pronounced at the dedication of this Hall, a candidate was entered, passed and raised by virtue of my presence; previous to which, however, an address was delivered and report made by the Grand Secretary upon examination of the minutes of the several Lodges in attendance; which from the limited time, was not as much in detail as would otherwise have been desired, but sufficient to show a flourishing condition, and prevent errors in recording the minutes in future.

After exhibiting and explaining the work connected with the opening and closing ceremonies, and pointing out some errors, we closed highly gratified with our reception.

The D. D. G. M., Brother Hailman, was absent in Europe at the time of our visit, in pursuit of health, but has since returned, I am happy to say, much improved, and has reported the result of his labors, and the state of the other Lodges in his district, which will be read by the Grand Secretary for your information.

During our stay we received every attention and respect which

noble hearted and enthusiastic Masons could bestow; and on the following morning left for Canonsburg, where we met the members of Lodge 297, and gave them instruction.

This is a new Lodge, having been chartered but a few months. The brethren are zealous, and have acquired considerable proficiency in the work, and will, no doubt, become a flourishing Lodge.

The same evening, at Washington, we met the brethren of Lodge No. 164. The Lodge was opened and a large number in attendance.

The work was exemplified by entering, passing and raising a candidate upon the recommendation of the officers of the Lodge; after which instructions of a general character were given on other portions of work, and a variety of Masonic questions, all of which were received with marked attention, and a determination manifested, by the unanimous adoption of resolutions to that effect, to adhere strictly to the work of Pennsylvania in future.

The importance of this visit was clearly indicated, as from the close proximity of the place to a neighboring jurisdiction, many of the peculiarities incident thereto, have been introduced, which greatly mars and destroys its simplicity.

The next morning we left Washington on our return home, where we arrived on the following day, having been absent eight days, strongly impressed with the advantages which must result from visits of this character, to the lodges beyond the city.

Monday, June 23d, left the city this morning accompanied by the Grand Secretary, P. G. M. Barger, Bros. English, Blackburne, and Anderson for Muncy, Lycoming county, and intermediate places. Met a number of brethren at Reading, Pottsville and Shamokin, and exchanged salutations with them.

Upon our arrival at Sunbury, the members of Lodge No. 22, with a number of brethren from places contiguous, were convened. After addressing them, a candidate was raised by Brother Barger. Various questions were then proposed and replies given. The attendance was large, and a deep interest manifested, to be properly instructed. All they desire is correct information, which too often cannot be obtained from the source established by the Grand Lodge, through D. D. G. M.

On the following day proceeded, in company with Brother Ellis and other brethren in the neighborhood, to Muncy.

In the evening the brethren were convened for instruction.

The next day (Wednesday) a procession was formed and proceeded to the Lodge room for the purpose of constituting the new Lodge, to be called Muncy, No. 299, after which the officers were installed and an address delivered.

The work was then exemplified by entering, passing and raising a candidate, and the remaining portion of the evening was occupied in passing one of the officers to the Chair, by dispensation, with further instruction in the opening and closing ceremonies.

Much praise is due to the officers and members of this new Lodge,

for their zeal in commencing the good work; and from every indication we have reason to believe it will be continued, and that Muncy Lodge will not only prosper, but become an example to some which are older, and possessed of greater advantages.

The next morning we left Muncy on our return home, and arrived the same day, much pleased with the journey, and the fraternal intercourse which it afforded.

On the 4th of September, with the assistance of the Grand Officers, I constituted George W. Bartram Lodge, No. 298, to be located at Media, Delaware county.

In order to afford an opportunity to the brethren in the City to witness the ceremonies, the members of the new Lodge were requested to assemble in the Grand Lodge room, where, in the presence of a large number, the Lodge was constituted in ample form, and the officers installed in their respective stations.

The occasion was used to introduce additional music into the ceremonies, which had a pleasing effect, and the attention and good order which prevailed throughout, evinced the deep interest and satisfaction of all present, and recommends with much force, the adoption of the same ceremonies on future occasions.

Monday morning, September 22d, left the city in company with the Grand Secretary, Bros. Skerritt, Thomas, and Hutchinson, for the purpose of constituting the new Lodge at Mechanicsville, Cumberland county, to be called Eureka, No. 302, and visiting Lodges on the route, and contiguous.

Arrived at Lancaster, we had a pleasant interview with the D. D. G. M. Howell, and other brethren. The Lodge room in this city is undergoing considerable alterations; by the purchase of an adjoining lot, and the erection of an additional building, the room will be much enlarged, the access more convenient, and the perpetuity of the whole property for the use of the order, made more certain.

The brethren are entitled to much praise for the zeal and liberality they have evinced in this respect, and furnish satisfactory evidence of the prosperous condition of the Lodge.

Left Lancaster in the afternoon, and arrived at Harrisburg; made a Grand Visitation in the evening to Lodge No. 21; found the Lodge in a highly prosperous state, the meetings well attended, and held in a new room, lately fitted up for this purpose, reflecting great credit on the members for the good judgment displayed in all the arrangements.

After delivering an address, and receiving a flattering report of their proceedings from the Grand Secretary, retired well pleased with our reception.

This Lodge is under the immediate supervision of the D. D. G. M., Brother Lamberton, whose zeal and knowledge of the work is worthy of notice, and entitles him to much praise. The report of his labors has been received, showing the state of the other Lodges in his district, which will be read by the Grand Secretary for your information.

Tuesday morning left Harrisburg for Mechanicsville, where we were received with much courtesy.

In the evening in the presence of a number of brethren from the surrounding country, we constituted the new Lodge in ample form, and installed the officers.

On the following morning the Lodge was opened for instruction, and with the assistance of Bros. Thomas and Hutchinson, a candidate was entered, passed and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The brethren in this place appear to be zealous, and entertain no doubt of the success of their enterprise.

In the afternoon left for Carlisle, and arrived in time to meet the brethren in the evening. The two Lodges, No. 197 and 268, located in this place were assembled on this occasion, and a Grand Visitation was made. From the limited time afforded the Grand Secretary, he was unable to make a thorough examination of the minutes; but sufficient, however, to elicit the fact that they are in good condition, the meetings well attended, and the general requirements of the order complied with.

After delivering an address, at their request, a candidate who was in waiting was entered and the remainder of the evening occupied in answering questions, and giving general instructions on a variety of subjects connected with the order.

The brethren are zealous and intelligent, and evince a pride in having their work done well, and in strict conformity to the practice of our jurisdiction.

The following day left for Chambersburg. Soon after our arrival we met the brethren in the Lodge room, and with the assistance of the officers present, opened a Lodge of Instruction. The errors into which they had fallen were pointed out, and the correct work given. Our suggestions were received with respect, and a determination manifested to adhere to them in future. We also urged the importance and necessity of a more suitable place to hold their meetings, the present one being very objectionable—the upper room of a private residence.

I notice this circumstance more particularly in the hope that no Lodge hereafter will be chartered or permitted to practice our rites and ceremonies unless the most satisfactory evidence is furnished of the security of the room for such purposes.

In the afternoon left Chambersburg on our return home, and arrived on the following day, having been absent five days, fully impressed with the belief that much benefit would result from our visit.

Monday, November 10th, left the City in company with the Grand Secretary, Bros. Scott, Steiner, Griscom and Penrose for Wilkesbarre, Luzerne county, having been urgently requested by the brethren to visit the Lodge at this place, in consequence of a difficulty arising from a misconception of the D. D. G. M., in relation to his powers; the particulars of which will be submitted to your consideration in a communication by the Grand Secretary.

Arrived in time to visit the Lodge the same evening—found the work very defective—delivered an address inculcating harmony, and the necessity of preserving the landmarks, customs and usages of the Order pure and unchanged; after which, with the assistance of the accompanying brethren, exemplified the work, and pointed out the errors which, for want of better instruction, had been so generally introduced among them.

The following day was occupied in receiving the attentions of the brethren, and conversing on various Masonic subjects. In the evening, being joined by Brother Blackburne, met the brethren in the Lodge room and heard the statements in relation to the existing differences between them, and finding the facts as set forth would more properly come under the notice of the Grand Lodge, we adjourned, and on the following day left for Scranton.

Here we were met by a number of brethren, and after a pleasant interview proceeded to Providence.

In the evening the members were assembled in the Lodge room to receive a Grand Visitation. The Grand Secretary examined the minutes and pointed out some errors—found them in possession of the proper work and zealous to preserve it. This Lodge has been chartered but a few years, and promises to become one of the best working Lodges in the State. The members have taken the proper course for instruction, by obtaining the services of a competent brother to teach them. This desirable object has been attained, through the zeal and devotion of Brother Leach, of No. 9, who has visited the place, and remained a sufficient length of time to impart the necessary instruction.

I regard this as an object of much importance, as a point from which the pure work of Pennsylvania may be disseminated to the surrounding Lodges in that section of the country.

Thursday morning left for Carbondale, at which place we arrived and visited the Lodge in the evening—pointed out some errors in the work, and gave them all necessary instruction to govern them in future.

The next morning left for Honesdale and made a Grand Visitation in the evening. Found the work generally correct, as exemplified by the D. D. G. M., Brother Marsh, having in charge the Lodges in this district; after which gave instruction relative to elections, passing the Chair, &c., and retired much pleased with their proceedings.

The following morning left for home, where we arrived the same evening, having been absent six days.

Thus, my brethren, I have given a somewhat detailed report of my labors during the year, especially my visits to brethren and Lodges beyond the city. The more experience I gain, by intercourse with the brethren at a distance, the more I am convinced of its importance. The bringing as it were of the Grand Lodge more immediately into communication and fellowship with the subordinates remote from her locality, if for no other purpose than the cultivation of

those feelings of kindness and mutual good understanding, which should always exist between the parent body and her offspring, would alone repay the labor and time which it necessarily required; but when to this is added the preservation of the landmarks, customs and usages of the Order, the uniformity which should always prevail in the work, as recognized and practised by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the advantages resulting from the discharge of this duty, cannot be overestimated.

We received from all and in every place, the most pleasing evidences of respect and attention, and have abundant reasons for believing that our intercourse has had a happy effect, and our services duly appreciated.

To the brethren who accompanied me on these several occasions, I feel under many obligations. Their society relieved the tediousness of the travel, while their intelligence and knowledge of the work aided me much, and lessened my labor.

The many interesting incidents which occurred will always be remembered with pleasure, while the fraternal feelings which were increased and strengthened by more intimate acquaintance, will, I trust, remain unchanged, unless indeed they grow even stronger by future co-operation.

APPENDIX E.

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STATEMENT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

The following account was furnished by the Grand Secretary, to wit:—

SUBSCRIBERS TO THE ONE HUNDRED AND TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS LOAN.

Lodge No. 2	$1,100	Lodge No. 185	$3,400
" " 3	6,250	" " 187	500
" " 9	2,100	" " 211	500
" " 19	3,100	" " 245	300
" " 51	300	" " 271	400
" " 52	1,100	Mark Lodge, No. 91	400
" " 59	1,600	" " " 214	1,750
" " 69	4,500	Chapter No. 3	2,050
" " 71	1,450	" " 91	1,500
" " 72	750	Encampment No. 4	1,100
" " 91	350	Grand Lodge Charity Fund,	6,350
" " 114	1,650	Girard Bequest	26,400
" " 115	800	Grand Lodge	10,900
" " 121	1,000	Picture Fund	100
" " 125	1,000		$89,850
" " 126	1,000	Sundry Persons	20,150
" " 130	1,750		$110,000
" " 134	1,000		
" " 155	2,000		
" " 158	2,300		

SUBSCRIBERS TO THE FORTY-ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS LOAN.

Lodge No. 2	$500	Lodge No. 211	$500
" " 3	200	" " 271	450
" " 9	200	" " 295	500
" " 19	2,800	Mark Lodge, No. 91	250
" " 51	2,750	" " " 214	750
" " 67	300	Chapter No. 91	500
" " 71	200	Encampment No. 4	100
" " 91	1,300	Grand Lodge Charity Fund,	500
" " 114	450		$15,000
" " 121	550	Sundry Persons	27,900
" " 130	250		$41,000
" " 155	100		
" " 158	1,150		
" " 186	1,000		

AMOUNT EXPENDED IN ERECTING THE NEW HALL, CHESTNUT STREET, PHILAD'A.

Paid for Work and Materials for New Hall, in its construction		$154,042 65
Paid Superintendents		1,780 00
" Architect		2,000 00
" Insurance		2,363 29
" For Music, &c., at the Dedication		1,559 89
" Watching Hall while Building, &c		772 40
" Legal Advice		70 00
" Damages to Occupant of Store on the north of Hall		100 64
" Printing for Building Committee	$353 47	
" " Trustees of Loans	89 12—	442 59
" George W. Watson's Bill		313 96
" Sundry Bills for Furnishing the New Hall		19,882 61
Total Cost of Building		$183,328 03

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

From First Loan	$110,000 00
" Second do	41,000 00
" Loan purchased by Grand Lodge, subsequently converted into Cash by the Committee of Finance	10,000 00
" Grand Lodge Funds, at sundry times	36,931 87
" Interest from Stocks, before sale	931 67
Total	$198,863 54

PAYMENTS.

Erecting New Hall	$183,328 03
Paid to Trustees of Old Charity Fund, to pay off the old debt	10,112 61
*Loss on Sales of Stocks	3,422 90
Loan remaining on hand	2,000 00
	$198,863 54

*$110,000 00	$1,693 00
41,000 00	1,029 90
10,000 00	700 00
	$3,422 90

APPENDIX F.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence through Brother Lucius H. Scott, made the following Report, to wit:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully submit the following Report:

Circumstances not necessary here to detail have delayed this Report to a later period than was either wished or intended, and it is hoped that nothing may hereafter occur to prevent the regular and prompt discharge of the duties of the Committee. The Grand Secretary has placed in our hands communications from the following Grand Lodges: New York, Virginia, Kentucky, District of Columbia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Ohio, Massachusetts, Vermont, Florida, New Jersey, Delaware, Canada, Minnesota, Mississippi, Illinois, and Louisiana.

In the mass of valuable and important Masonic information thus spread out before us, our only difficulty seems to be how we shall keep our report within reasonable limits, and yet collate and present such extracts from the proceedings of each Grand Lodge, as their intrinsic merits seem to require at our hands.

As the reports from the Grand Lodges of Minnesota, Mississippi, Illinois, and Louisiana, are merely circulars containing lists of the Grand Officers of the respective jurisdictions, it only seems necessary to acknowledge receipt of their several communications.

New York.

The only proceedings before your Committee on the part of this Grand Lodge, is the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in relation to the proposed mediation on the part of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in the existing differences among our brethren of that jurisdiction. The character of this report is so extraordinary and unlooked for—the feeling exhibited so unprovoked and unmasonic, that the first impression made upon the mind of your Committee on reading it, was that it was the ebullition of momentary ex-

citement which the sober second thought of the Grand Lodge would lead them to regret and recall. Sufficient time having elapsed and no explanation or atonement being offered by the Grand Lodge of New York, your Committee are left no alternative but to reply, or silently acquiesce in the truth and justice of the charges preferred against this Grand Lodge. In whatever remarks your Committee may deem it necessary to indulge, they trust they may not lose sight of that decorum due to themselves as Masons, or the dignity of the R. W. body they represent.

But what are the charges thus preferred against us, and what the specifications introduced in their support?

"The head and front of our offending" seems to be this:

Some years since a difficulty of a serious character occurred in the Grand Lodge of New York, which resulted in a violent split in that ancient and honorable institution. Circumstances so disastrous to the Order could not occur without being deeply regretted by Masons everywhere; but our condition was somewhat peculiar. They occurred in a neighboring city, having daily business and social intercourse with our own. Many members of both jurisdictions were mutually known and attached to each other—some by business, some by kindred, and all by fraternal ties. Thus circumstanced, every consideration that could impel a man, or a Mason, urged upon this Grand Lodge the duty of making an effort to bring about a peaceful and satisfactory solution of the difficulties among our brethren of New York. And will it be believed by Masons—nay, by civilized men of whatever kindred, tribe, or tongue, that for making such effort we have incurred such dire hostility? In connection with the general charge of having presumed to offer our mediation when they had declined that of other Grand Lodges, they specify the particular offence of having neglected to recognize what is generally termed the "Willard Grand Lodge." To this we reply that our object was to promote peace and harmony, but not humiliation. We might have recognized either one or the other, but how would that have disarmed the belligerents or restored peace to the Order? The moment we declared in favor of either of the contending parties, all hope of mediation was at an end. It is true that some of our sister Grand Lodges have taken different views of duty. They have acted upon their own responsibility and we upon ours. They are more remote from the scene of conflict, and, perhaps, feel less inconvenience and embarrassment than we, in the more immediate vicinity. They hear in the distance the roar of artillery, but we are covered by the smoke of the battle-field. Whatever may have been the motives that governed their action, we have never hesitated to believe them pure and conscientious, and hope and believe they entertain the same charitable feeling in regard to us. But not so with our brethren of New York. It was their privilege to reject our mediation if the chose to do so, but why not decline it with courtesy and kindness? The olive-

branch we extended, they were not bound to accept, but why turn from it in indignation and scorn? In the Divine teachings of that Holy Bible, "the Great Light of Masonry," we read, "blessed are the peacemakers," but surely none were ever less fortunate in their efforts than we. Arrested in our "labor of love," converted from the mediator to the criminal tried, convicted and condemned, and only saved from execution by the benevolent interposition of a worthy brother, upon whose motion the resolution of non-intercourse was laid upon the table.

Your Committee have neither time nor inclination to follow in detail the various charges of the New York Committee, but to show our members the estimation in which they are held by the Grand Lodge of New York, we present a few extracts from their Committee's report:

"The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, as a body, is insular, exclusive, and peculiar. In different respects its exterior boundaries encircle a system of Masonry that is unknown in practice to any other jurisdiction in the United States. It knows not—or if it knows, it studies not, the wants, wishes, or opinions of its sister Grand Lodges in this country. It has little or no sympathy in common with the rest of the Masonic world. In derision and contempt of the universal opinions and practices of the Grand Lodges of this country, it continues its supervision and control over other branches of Masonry, from which, in deference to their wishes, and to preserve harmony in the Masonic fold, it should have been long since separated. Its course in this particular has not only created party feuds among its own members, but has caused unpleasant discussion and irritation to the body of the fraternity, and to the governing Masonic bodies of the Nation. With what propriety then, if a mediation were proper or desirable, can the Grand Lodge of New York accept that of Pennsylvania, and reject the Grand Lodges of Ohio, Massachusetts, and Virginia? each and all of whom in nearly all particulars we have named, may be said with great propriety, to have moved in harmony with the music of the Union, while Pennsylvania has not."

These are serious charges, and scarcely uttered in such terms of forbearance and comity as should characterize the intercourse between brethren of the same great Masonic family. Our brethren of New York, however distinguished for character and ability—and we freely concede them both—may not yet have learned the important lesson, that reason does not always consist in satire, or argument in denunciation. This Grand Lodge may be "insular," but not to the calls of charity—she may be "exclusive," but not in her generous efforts to inculcate and advance the pure principles and ancient landmarks of Masonry—she may be "peculiar," for she does not choose to blazon her good deeds before the world.

But we are accused of want of sympathy with Masons of other jurisdictions. Will our respected brethren permit us to ask what

motive, if not that of sympathy, induced this Grand Lodge to proffer mediation to New York? We had no selfish purposes to subserve—no ambitious desires to gratify. The Masonic field is wide enough for all, and the objects claiming our benevolence and charity sufficiently numerous. It must be confessed, however, we have little inducement for again obtruding our good offices in that quarter.

The strangest charge of all, considering whence it comes, is that our course has created "party feuds," "unpleasant discussions," "irritation and discord among our members," and that we "*have not moved in harmony with the music of the Union!*" Were not the subject of too serious a character, we might almost imagine the Committee were disposed to mingle a spice of levity with their arguments, if merely to witness how the countenance of their venerated Grand Master would unbend, and his form and features relax at this display of wit and fancy. But seriously, if the respected brethren of that Committee were to attend a meeting of this Grand Lodge—witness the dignified decorum pervading the whole—the mild and impartial government on the part of the presiding officers, and the cheerful and willing obedience of the subordinate officers and members, they might fail to find any evidences of the discord with which they accuse us, although not "moving in harmony with the music of the Union." The best commentary, however, on this charge of the Committee, may be found in the following extract from their own report. The Committee say, in describing the circumstances attending the action of the Grand Lodge, on the proposed amendment of the Constitution:

"On this announcement being made, one of the party opposed to it arose and asked the Grand Master if he distinctly understood him that the amendment was adopted, and had become a part of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge? To which the Grand Master replied in substance what he had before stated, that by virtue of the action taken, it had become a part of the Constitution—(we don't pretend to give the words used.) But, on this being made, the interlocutor before mentioned, jumped upon one of the seats and proclaimed, 'Then I declare this Grand Lodge dissolved, and I call upon all who are opposed to the amendments to unite with me in organizing a Grand Lodge!' Thereupon a number of Past Masons who were collected in a body near the east, sprang to their feet, and amidst cries and yells and imprecations that were disgraceful to a Masonic body, pretended to elect one of their number chairman, and went through the form of electing a list of Grand officers. During all this time the Grand Master was occupying the Chair, with the gavel in his hand, frequently calling to order, to which no attention was paid by the discontents. When they got through with this part of the outrage, they seized the box containing the funds of the Grand Lodge, which had been paid in by the representatives, then in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and with such other effects as they could get hold of, made off with them."

Now your Committee have no pleasure in copying from the New

York Committee's report, such disgraceful scenes in a sister Grand Lodge, far from it; and certainly no word of approval for the disorganizers, but with what face can the Committee detail such occurrences in their own Grand Lodge, and in the next sentence accuse us—probably one of the most orderly Masonic bodies in the United States—of producing, by our action, irritation and discord, and of not "*moving in harmony with the music of the Union?*"

The Committee feel that in other respects, the Grand Lodge of New York have done us great injustice. They accuse us of having favored and encouraged individuals who had been expelled by the Grand Lodge of New York, by permitting them to visit our local Lodges. In a jurisdiction as extensive as ours—although our own constituency may not, as they affirm, be more than half that of New York—yet it is impossible to say what may, in a solitary instance, have been the action of one of the local Lodges, but if such persons have been admitted, it was unknown to, and against the often expressed wishes and orders of the Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge.

The New York Committee throughout their report, seem to infer that the opinion of this Grand Lodge was already formed, and if admitted as an umpire, their decision would favor the opposite party. This assumption is wholly gratuitous, and without the slightest foundation in fact. It implies a doubt of the integrity and honor of the high officers of this Grand Lodge, incompatible with the history of their whole lives. Never were men animated by more pure and benevolent motives, and never were kind intentions so misunderstood or perverted. For reasons already explained they determined to maintain a strict neutrality, and this could only be accomplished by treating all alike. They were requested by the Grand Lodge of New York not to permit the "disorganizers" to visit the local Lodges, and in yielding to this request, their character as neutrals would be lost by admitting either.

Since closing the foregoing remarks your Committee have received a communication in the form of a pamphlet of eleven pages, with the following address: "Letter to the R. W. James Page, Esq., P. G. M., Chairman of the Committee of the M. W. G. Lodge of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of New York, August 22d, 1856." This communication is signed by Bros. James Herring, N. B. Montfort and William Wagner, Committee on Foreign Correspondence. The declared object of the Committee is to defend the Grand Lodge of which they are members, technically known as the "Phillips' Grand Lodge," against the attacks alleged to have been made by the Committee belonging to the other grand jurisdiction. As to the merits of the matters in controversy between the respective Grand Lodges, your Committee have no opinions here to offer, but in justice to the character of the communication itself, we may be permitted to say that it is able, courteous and fraternal, and in those particulars contrasts most favorably with the one it has been our duty to review.

The Committee have also received returns from the following additional Grand Lodges, and deeply regret that circumstances beyond their control, prevent in this report, anything beyond a cordial return of their fraternal greetings—viz: Alabama, Illinois, Louisiana, Texas, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas, Connecticut, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, New York—two Grand Lodges—Rhode Island, and Wisconsin.

The Committee indulge the hope of soon presenting a more extended report in relation to those respected Grand Lodges.

Grand Lodge of Virginia.

The Committee have before them a copy of the proceedings of this highly honorable and intelligent jurisdiction, at their grand annual communication, held in the city of Richmond, on the 10th of December, 1855.

In the eloquent address of the Grand Master he was pleased to refer with evident gratification to the fact that by invitation of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, he had attended the dedication ceremonies of this New Hall in September, 1855. The R. W. G. Master pays a beautiful tribute to the imposing ceremonies—"the immense throng of thousands of Masons, drawn together by fraternal ties from every quarter of the Union, to assist in the pleasing work." After speaking in kindest terms of the "admirable arrangements, under the direction of the proper authorities, to whom every praise is due," he proceeds to express a regret at the absence of the Grand Lodge of New York. In this feeling none could more truly participate than this Grand Lodge herself. But as the time had not yet arrived to abandon her neutral position, she must have invited all, of each party, or none. In this trying position it is fortunate that the latter alternative was adopted, else we should have been deprived of the pleasure afforded by the presence of the R. W. Grand Master of Virginia, for he says expressly, "had it been otherwise—had there been an *indiscriminate* admission of all hailing from that jurisdiction, of whatever organization, I, as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, could not have united with them."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is brief, and chiefly relating to the condition of Masonry in Canada. From the reports of different Committees, and various statistics, it is evident that the condition of Masonry, in all its elements, in the "Old Dominion" is highly prosperous.

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

From this excellent Grand Lodge the Committee are favored with a very full and copious record of proceedings at their grand annual communication held in August, 1855, comprised in a book of 270 pages. The M. W. Grand Master's address is a neat and business like document, mainly devoted to matters appertaining to their own jurisdiction, but one of the closing sentences is so well expressed, and so ap-

plicable to Masonry everywhere, and *in all time*, that the Committee cannot deny themselves the pleasure of making the following extract:

"Brethren, we have a glorious future before us, if we only discharge faithfully the various duties enjoined upon us by our order. Let us see to it then, that we act up to the moral principles of the institution. Let us look to a higher tone of morality among our members. Let us go to work with a renewed zeal and energy to promote the general principles of Free Masonry, brotherly love, relief and truth, that the world at large may be convinced that Masonry is not as 'a sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.'"

We are pleased to observe that the Grand Master condemns, in the most emphatic manner, the use of Masonic emblems on sign boards, &c., for the purpose of inviting custom or patronage to one's business—and he might very properly have added—or as ornaments about his person. The former is most reprehensible, as it degrades the name and character of Masonry by making it subservient to the groveling purposes of gain, while the latter is simply *in very bad taste.*

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is an able and elaborate document, covering sixty pages of closely printed matter, and reviewing the proceedings of twenty-eight Grand Lodges. It would be both pleasant and profitable, did time and space permit, to wander through this entire field of Masonry, thus open before us; but in order to keep this report within reasonable limits, we must deny ourselves that gratification.

The tables of statistics are quite extensive, covering many pages of the published proceedings of the Grand Lodge. The total number of members in 1854 was 8,049, in 1855, 9,301.

Total amount of receipts from subordinates in 1854.....	$8,879 50
The same in 1855.....	9,533 75
Being an increase in the past year of upwards of.....	650 00

District of Columbia.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia convened in their Masonic Hall in the city of Washington, for their semi-annual grand communication, on the 1st May, A. L. 5855; M. W. Charles Fraley in the East. The M. W. Grand Master commences his address by congratulating, in handsome terms, the brethren on meeting for the first time in their new Masonic Hall. The principal business of their meeting seems to have been the receiving and adopting the proceedings of the Masonic National Convention, held in Washington on the 3d and 4th of January, 1855, in relation to a National Confederation of the Grand Lodges of the United States.

The *annual* communication of the same Grand Lodge was held on the 6th November, 1855. From the M. W. Grand Master's address on this occasion, we infer that Masonry in the District is in a flourishing condition, and from the distinguished ability of the present and past Grand Officers, we have no reason to doubt that the ancient land-

marks of the order are strictly sustained and supported. He refers to his late visit to Philadelphia to aid in the dedication ceremonies of this new Masonic Temple, and of the pleasure it afforded him and many of the Grand Officers.

North Carolina.

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina held their annual session at Raleigh on the 3d December, A. L. 5855, M. W. Grand Master, Clement H. Jordan presiding. In the address of the M. W. Grand Master, there is much to admire, for the beauty and simplicity of its phraseology, but as it is chiefly confined to the local interests of his own jurisdiction, there is little that seems to claim particular notice in this report.

He manifests great interest in the success of that noble Masonic enterprise, St. John's College, and intelligent Masons everywhere will sympathize with him.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is brief and entirely occupied with two subjects, viz: the proposed confederation of Grand Lodges, and demitting and non-affiliated Masons. At the election of grand officers, which occurred during the session, Grand Master Jordan declined a re-election, having served two years, and M. W. P. A. Holt was elected his successor.

South Carolina.

During the past year the Grand Lodge of South Carolina has held eight annual, quarterly and special sessions, or communications, viz: special, 9th January; quarterly, 6th March; special, 3d May; quarterly, 5th June; quarterly, 3d September; special, 1st December; quarterly, 4th December, and what is termed in their proceedings, the "grand annual communication, and grand feast, festival of St. John the Evangelist, December 27th, A. L. 5855."

Nothing of general interest occurred at these several meetings, if we except the able report of the Grand Secretary, and the *unreported* pleasures of the grand feast.

Many things in the Grand Secretary's report would well repay perusal, but we are admonished that we have yet a large field of Masonry to explore, and it is our desire to give each part of it, at least a passing notice.

Georgia.

We have the proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Georgia in session in the city of Macon, at their grand annual communication for 1855. Since the reception of the general report of the Grand Lodge proceedings of the past year, your Committee have had placed before them, by the Grand Secretary, a circular communication from the D. G. Masters, announcing the death of the M. W. G. M. William C. Dawson. Well may the brethren of Georgia mourn the extinguishment of a great light in Masonry. Nor is the death of such a man and Mason a *local* calamity. For thirteen consecutive years, he has held the eminent position of G. M. of Masons in Georgia, and yet, such

was his distinguished position, not only in Masonry, but in the councils of his country, that he was little less known and appreciated in the remotest State in the Union, than among his own immediate constituency. His eulogy will belong to other and abler pens; but so unblemished was his character as a public man and private citizen, as a statesman, a Christian, and a Mason, that we may apply to him those sublime words of Holy Writ, "and I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me, write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

Much valuable Masonic information is contained in the reports of the four D. G. Masters, portions of which we would gladly copy, did time and our limits permit.

From the whole proceedings of the Grand Lodge we infer that Masonry in Georgia is in a highly prosperous condition. One clause of the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, is so applicable to our own jurisdiction that we find room for the following extract:

"Your Committee can but condemn this practice of making cases of emergency, and obtaining dispensations to admit into the order, persons who, until the meridian of life, have lived under the shadow of a Masonic Temple, and within hearing of the gavel, and never discovered they had a good opinion of Masonry, until on the eve of moving to the forests of Oregon or the gold mines of California; they rush in hot haste to the doors of a Lodge, and clamor loudly for admission, so that when they are wandering as strangers in a strange land, they may have the sustaining assurance that the sleepless eye of Masonry is upon them, and that warm hearts and strong arms are everywhere to be found, ready and willing to rescue them amid the wildest storms of life that might engulph them."

Ohio.

The proceedings of this Grand Lodge at their communication held on the 23d October, 1855, are contained in a book of upwards of 200 pages. M. W. G. M. Dodd delivered an address embracing a statement of his official acts during the recess of the Grand Lodge, and other matters interesting to the craft in his jurisdiction. The following, however, applies to other Masonic bodies, as well as those of Ohio:

"I would also call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the subject of Lodge rooms or halls. Many of the Lodges hold their meetings in rooms that are not only inconvenient, untidy, and ill-adapted to the purpose, but absolutely insecure. A little reflection will show the importance of this subject, and the necessity that exists for some improvement."

The G. M. complains bitterly of the want of uniformity of work among the several Lodges. This, he says, is found to exist even among Lodges that hold their meetings in the same hall. He an-

nounces the death, during the past year, of two P. G. Masters, Henry Brush and M. L. Krider.

Massachusetts.

Your Committee have before them an abstract of proceedings of the Grand Lodge in this ancient Commonwealth, recorded in a pamphlet of 37 pages, and embracing four sessions, from March to December, A. L. 5855. All of general interest is contained in the excellent address of the M. W. G. M. Winslow Lewis, in which he speaks of a visit by a delegation from this jurisdiction, and the pleasure afforded by their own visit here on the occasion of the dedication of this Masonic Temple.

This interchange of Masonic courtesy and fraternal regard seldom fails to produce the happiest results; it draws still closer the ties of brotherly love, and is the very feeling that warmed the heart of the "Royal Psalmist" when he exclaimed, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

The portion of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge by far the most interesting, is the report of the "Committee on Portraits." Of this Committee the M. W. G. M. Winslow Lewis was Chairman. The following is a brief extract:

"The Committee to procure Portraits of the P. G. Masters of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, report that they have the satisfaction to announce that their labors are now completed, and with more success than was anticipated at the time of their appointment. To obtain this result has required great perseverance, a large sacrifice of time and patience, and much of personal toil, but they deem these not in vain when these walls now almost speak of so many of the departed, whose lives and memories are so interwoven with the bright history of Massachusetts Masonry, and not of Masonry only, but with the glory of our old Bay State. Omitting their titles of distinction, let their names alone be heralded: Joseph Warren, John Warren, John Cutler, Paul Revere, Josiah Bartlett, Samuel Dunn, Isaiah Thomas, Benjamin Russell, Francis J. Oliver, Samuel P. P. Fay, John Dixwell, John Abbott, John Soley, Joseph Jenkins, Joshua B. Flint, Paul Dean, Caleb Butler, Augustus Peabody, Simon W. Robinson, Edward A. Raymond, and George M. Randall."

They have thus secured the living lineaments of more than twenty P. G. Masters, embracing a period of service of 85 years. And why should not this Grand Lodge *"go and do likewise?"*

That we too have our illustrious dead we need only point to Ball, Adcock, Smith, Israel, Milnor, Tybout, Bradford, Kerr, Newcomb, Gibson, Kittera, Nesbit, Steele, and Freeman, besides living and present names, which your Committee would mention if they were not living and present—all time-honored Masons who have graced this oriental chair since the organization of this Grand Lodge in 1779, a period of seventy-eight years. What time would be more appropriate for the discharge of this pious duty than the present? We meet here

in a temple dedicated to Masonry, which brethren and strangers from all jurisdictions assert, is more magnificent than the world has ever seen. It has been erected by the liberality and enterprise of Pennsylvania Masons, and what more grateful return could be made than the one we purpose? We learn from the address of the R. W. Grand Master that the past year has been one of almost unbroken peace and prosperity throughout all our borders. Our numbers have rapidly multiplied, and, as we humbly hope and believe, our Masonic graces have not diminished. Standing thus in the open portals of a new year, shall we not look back and gratefully remember the services of those who have gone before us, and whose labors, under the guidance of a kind Providence, have secured us the blessings we now enjoy? What our brethren in Massachusetts have accomplished we can accomplish, and what joy they feel in contemplating their finished work, we shall feel.

Out of thirty Grand Masters who have presided over our Councils here during the last seventy-eight years, fifteen are still living, but death is thinning their ranks—time and nature are surely, though silently, doing their work, and "the places that now know them, must soon know them no more forever."

> "The eternal surge
> Of time and tide rolls on, and bears afar
> Our bubbles; as the old burst, new emerge,
> Lashed from the foam of ages, while the graves
> Of Empires heave but like some passing waves."

Let us then, while here in life and strength—while enjoying in full fruition the numberless blessings bestowed by the hand of our Heavenly Grand Master—while peace and harmony prevail in every department of our Masonic Temple—let us give our attention to this noble work, so that when we—when all here, and all who act with us, shall be *called* off from our labors on earth to our rest in heaven, Masons in all after times will look with pride and gratitude upon the living likenesses of those honored brethren who have presided over the deliberations of this Grand Lodge, and bless our memory for having left to our posterity so rich a legacy.

VERMONT.

The Grand Lodge convened in their Hall in Burlington, on the second Wednesday of January, A. L. 5856, M. W. G. M. Philip C. Tucker, in the East. Most of the Grand Master's address is occupied in portraying in a feeling and eloquent manner the character and services of the late P. G. M. Nathan B. Haswell. There are throughout the proceedings abundant indications of the prosperous and healthy condition of Masonry among the Green mountains and pleasant valleys of Vermont.

FLORIDA.

The Grand Lodge of this young and interesting State met at the city of Tallahassee on the 14th January, A. L. 5856. The Grand Mas-

ter, M. W. Richard A. Shine, announces in his address the death of two P. G. Masters, Judge Bronson and Judge Douglas, also, P. G. Chaplain, Rev. William Choice. There is published in the appendix a long extract from "*Anderson's Constitutions*," giving a history of Ancient Masonry, beginning with Adam, and showing conclusively that Cain, and Enoch, and Seth, and Noah and his three sons, Japhet, Shem and Ham were all Masons!

New Jersey.

The Grand Lodge held their annual communication on the 10th of January, A. L. 5856, in the city of Trenton.

The annual report of the R. W. Grand Master Stewart, is a creditable business document, and shows the entire devotion of that excellent Brother to the interests and honor of Masonry, which many of us who enjoy his personal acquaintance, know he has so much at heart.

We have also a short report from the R. W. D. G. Master, Samuel Read, who seems to have divided the duties of Lodge visitations with his superior officer. From both reports we infer that the condition of the subordinate Lodges is harmonious, and Masonry in our sister State is prosperous, and if not making rapid advances, is at least healthful.

The R. W. G. M. Edward Stewart, having served five consecutive years, declined a re-election, and the R. W. Daniel Babbit was elected his successor. There is no report from any Committee of Foreign Correspondence.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted by the Grand Lodge and it is proper to remark, a copy of the same, certified by the Grand Secretary and bearing the seal of the Grand Lodge, was transmitted by the Grand Master elect to the R. W. Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, and by him referred to your Committee:

"Whereas, Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this W. G. Lodge located in the southern and eastern part of this State, experience much annoyance from the frequent and almost weekly practice of subordinate Lodges, located in Philadelphia and New York, working under the authority of the W. Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania and New York, of receiving the applications of persons residing in this State, and passing them through the several degrees of Masonry, without regarding the rights of this jurisdiction—therefore,

"*Resolved*, That the W. Grand Master, under the seal of this Grand Lodge, respectfully request the R. W. Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania and New York to take such action as in their wisdom may be necessary, to protect the subordinates of this Grand Lodge adjacent to their jurisdiction, in not allowing subordinates, working under that jurisdiction, to entertain petitions for the honors of Masonry from persons residing in this State, without consulting the subordinate nearest the place of residence of such applicant, and that the consent of said subordinate so consulted shall be requisite for the reception of any applicant."

Your Committee were not aware that the practice thus complained of by our brethren of New Jersey, was by any means as general or frequent as intimated in the preamble to their resolution. They have long known that it has, to some extent, existed with other adjacent jurisdictions, and in some instances caused feelings that all good Masons should regret and by every means endeavor to avoid. Few things are better calculated to cause jealousy and unpleasant bickerings, but like many other ills of human life, it is far easier to point out the evil than apply the remedy. We are aware that it is a maxim of common law that "for every wrong there is a remedy," but every day's experience teaches that, like other general rules, there are many exceptions. No general law can reach all individual cases. A vicious man may in a thousand ways annoy his neighbor without rendering himself amenable to the criminal code. Thus in the case before us.

Your Committee have no hesitation in saying that the practice under consideration, and to the extent complained of, is wrong, but whether a total prohibition, *under all possible circumstances*, would be right, is another question. Intelligent writers on Masonic law have contended that Masonry is general and universal, and its rights and privileges cannot be circumscribed by geographical limits. Let us suppose a case:

Some men there are whose reputation is the common property of the country. Our history has furnished many such, and are we without living examples at the present day? Men as distinguished for personal purity in the relations of private life, as for integrity, honor, and patriotism in the field, the cabinet, the halls of legislation, the bench, or in the sanctuary of our holy religion. Suppose such a man to have been born in New Jersey, (and few States have furnished more such,) and on the banks of the beautiful Delaware. His childhood and youth have been spent among the romantic scenes of his cottage home, and there his memories and affections still cluster. The spreading tree beside the village church, and the murmuring brook beside the village school-house, are still fresh in his recollections and familiar as household words.

The pursuit of fortune or desire for honorable distinction have early drawn him from the parental roof-tree, and he has made his home in Pennsylvania. Circumstances in middle life, have induced him to inquire into the merits of Masonry, and being satisfied with his investigations, resolves to unite with the order. His father was a Mason, and member of a Lodge in Trenton, and he earnestly desires to record his own name where the honored name of his father has long stood. But a difficulty interposes. The Lodge in Pennsylvania nearest his domicile, ambitious of having so distinguished a member, withholds her assent. What say our brethren of New Jersey? would they make that man a Mason? Would a man such as we have attempted to describe, being a citizen of Scotland or Ireland, be refused admission in a Lodge of London or Liverpool?

With every desire to meet the wishes of our brethren of New

Jersey, in view of the many difficulties that present themselves to the mind of your Committee, they can only recommend to this Grand Lodge and its subordinates, a fair, honest, and honorable course in regard to neighboring jurisdictions, and not, unless in extreme cases, receive applications for membership from persons residing in other States, without the consent of the nearest Lodge to his residence, and in all our Masonic intercourse keep constantly in view that Divine precept of "doing unto others as we would that they should do unto us."

Delaware.

This Grand Lodge held their grand annual communication in the city of Wilmington on the 27th of June, A. L. 5855, R. W. S. G. Warden Thomas J. Phillips in the East, and R. W. Daniel R. Wolfe, Secretary.

The business is purely of a local character, except the lamented death of the Hon. James Booth, Chief Justice of the State, and Grand Master of Masons in Delaware.

Canada.

The Committee have before them a communication from our Masonic brethren in Canada West, proposing to form a Grand Lodge in that Province, independent of the parent Grand Lodge of England. This communication is dated in March last, since which we have received a printed circular signed by Francis Richardson, Secretary of the Provincial Grand Lodge at Toronto, denouncing the movement as schismatic, and confined to a small fraction of the fraternity in that Province. Under this state of things your Committee can only regret that any difficulties should exist among our brethren in that jurisdiction, and leave them to settle their own differences in their own way.

Since the commencement of this report the Grand Secretary has placed in our hands returns from the additional Grand Lodges of Missouri, Kansas, and California.

Missouri.

The grand annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held in the city of Lexington on the 26th of May, A. L. 5856. M. W. L. S. Cornwell Grand Master, and R. W. A. O. Sullivan Grand Secretary. The Grand Master's address is a well written production, but refers mainly to the interests of Masonry in his own jurisdiction. He announces the death of the P. G. M. Hon. Wilson Brown.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is, as usual, able and interesting, but the already too greatly extended condition of this report compels us, though unwillingly, to pass it over without further comment.

Kansas.

A meeting of Delegates from the several Masonic Lodges in the Territory was held on the 27th December, A. L. 5855, where preparatory measures were adopted for the formation of a Grand Lodge,

which were completed on the 17th of March following, when Brother Richard Rees was elected Grand Master, and Charles J. Harrison Grand Secretary. The Constitution and By-laws were adopted and published.

California.

The seventh annual grand communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the city of Sacramento, commencing on the 6th of May, A. L. 5856, M. W. William H. Howard, Grand Master and R. W. Alexander G. Abell, Grand Secretary.

There is so much of interest and instruction in the address of the Grand Master and the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, that had they fallen into the hands of your Committee at the commencement, instead of the close of their labors, they would no doubt have filled several pages with extracts and remarks, but they forbear with the single remark, that very few of our sister Grand Lodges, whose proceedings have passed in review before us, seem to be conducted with more ability and propriety than that of our young sister of California.

Wm. Badger, *Chairman*, Jas. B. Chandler, L. H. Scott.

APPENDIX G.

From "Abstract of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, for A. D. 1857, A. L. 5857. Philadelphia. King & Baird, Printers, No. 607 Sansom Street. 1858."]

The R. W. Grand Master then delivered the following highly appropriate and instructive address:

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge.

BRETHREN:—The period having arrived when my official relations with the craft are about to terminate, it is but just to you, before retiring from the high and honorable position which I have occupied for the last two years, to acknowledge the uniform courtesy and respect which have been invariably extended towards me, and to assure you, not only of my due appreciation of the honor conferred by twice electing me to the station of Grand Master, but also, that under whatever circumstances I may be placed hereafter, your partiality and confidence will ever have a place in my proud and grateful memory, constantly prompting my humble services throughout the remainder of my life.

In my official position it has been an unwearied effort to promote the interests and encourage the practice of those great moral principles upon which the order is based, and which I conceive to be its chief aim and object to cultivate. The result of this endeavor is for you to estimate; but the satisfaction which flows from an honest intention to do good, will be my solace in after life, as it is at present my full recompense.

In the administration of the affairs of the Grand Lodge, I can claim but little merit for originality, preferring rather to journey in the safe old paths our fathers trod, than to attempt any untried new ones, confining myself more particularly to the correction of errors and changes which have been gradually introduced in some quarters, and exerting my influence to restore the work and labor of the lodge in which such have been noticed, to their primitive purity and simplicity.

In this, as well as in the discharge of other duties devolving upon me, I dare not hope to have been so eminently successful as to have secured your entire approbation, but can only reiterate, on this occasion, the sincerity of my motives, and that my efforts have continually been directed, and my ambition only limited, to the attainment of this object as my highest reward.

I retire from office at a time of unparalleled prosperity in the history of the craft in this jurisdiction. Peace and harmony reign supreme within our temple, and the workmen receive their wages

without murmuring; the gavel retains its magic power and influence, and is everywhere respected and obeyed; and no dark clouds of suspicion or distrust are visible on our fair horizon to forebode evil or disturb the universal concord and quiet which dwell within.

The emblem of authority will be surrendered, and placed in the hands of my truly able successor, our esteemed brother, who is so deservedly popular and eminently worthy of your choice, with entire confidence in his efficiency and skill, only equalled by the full assurance that the craft will continue to prosper under his administration, and long remain in that state of unity and good order which it has been my happiness to witness.

To the superior and competent grand officers with whom it has been my good fortune and pleasure to have been associated, I feel under many obligations; not only for the gentlemanly bearing and fraternal feeling, but for their wise counsel and prompt assistance, on every required occasion; and also for the unanimity which has invariably distinguished their deliberations.

In the selection of subordinate Grand Officers, no one need desire to be more successful; as a body they have rendered much service, and ably supported and encouraged me in the prosecution of my labors, which, although numerous, having occupied almost exclusively my time, have been pleasant and agreeable.

Thus assisted and associated, it would be greatly remiss not to notice their fidelity, and but natural to express no ordinary feeling at the conclusion of our official connection.

Without adverting to the many important matters which have engaged the attention of the G. Lodge during the past year, I may be permitted to refer to one, in which, in common with all, a deep interest has been felt.

I allude to the publication of the revised Ahiman Rezon, which has been finally adopted for the future government of the craft, after the bestowal of much labor and time by the committee to whom this subject was referred.

Much of the difficulty which has heretofore been experienced from the want of correct knowledge and proper understanding of our rules and regulations, will now, it is hoped, be obviated, as they are enforced more perspicuously, and better calculated to aid the brethren in arriving at authorized conclusions, and materially lessening the labor of those whose duty it is to expound them.

And here allow me to notice an erroneous opinion, which I have since found to be prevalent, arising from the supposition that this publication contains all and every regulation for our government, and repeals whatever else has preceded it. For the correction of this mistake it may be sufficient to remind the brethren, that the unpublished edicts and resolutions of the Grand Lodge, are equally obligatory upon them, and the various decisions heretofore made have not been abrogated, but remain as operative and authoritative as before.

In continuation of the practice commenced in the first year of my administration, I now proceed to detail the various duties which have been performed during the past, leaving to the several committees, as also the almoners and stewards of the charity funds, to report the results of their own labors, without anticipating them in this connection.

The Grand Secretary will also furnish his official statement of the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, and at the same time will report the action of the Grand Officers on the several matters which have been referred to them.

During the past year warrants have been granted to seven new Lodges, to which may be added nine in the previous year, and not reported at the time, thus making the whole number sixteen in the two years, viz:

In 1856.

Chartiers Lodge, No. 297, at Canonsburg.
Geo. W. Bartram Lodge, No. 298, at Media.
Muncy Lodge, No. 299, at Muncy.
Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 300, at Huntingdon.
Waverly Lodge, No. 301, at Waverly.
Eureka Lodge, No. 302, at Mechanicsburg.
Oil Creek Lodge, No. 303, at Titusville.
Western Star Lodge, 304, at Albion.
Hawley Lodge, 305, at Hawley.

In 1857.

Trojan Lodge, No. 306, at Troy.
Williamson Lodge, No. 307, at Womelsdorf.
Ft. Washington Lodge, No. 308, at Ft. Washington.
Williamson Lodge, No. 309, at Downingtown.
Warren Lodge, No. 310, at Perkiomen Bridge.
Mount Bethel Lodge, No. 311, at Williamsburg.
Summit Lodge, No. 312, at Evansburg.

Seven of which were constituted by myself, assisted by the Grand Officers; the remainder by the different D. D. G. Masters in whose districts they were located.

The warrant applied for at West Chester is still under consideration, and no doubt will receive the early attention of the Grand Officers.

The number of Dispensations which have been granted, are as follows:

To Pass and Raise, 10; Raise, 4; Pass the Chair, 145.

My conviction remaining unchanged, that the dispensing power should be exercised with extreme caution, especially to E, Pass and Raise, I have refused the applications made to me for this purpose, as in no single instance did I judge it proper to depart from the principle or alter the views expressed in my last report, preferring, as I then said, rather to throw the responsibility of initiation upon

the lodge requesting this favor, than to assume it myself, and afterwards, if circumstances should justify its exercise, to grant the dispensation to pass and raise, or raise only as the case might be.

Accompanied by the Grand Officers, I have performed separate Grand visitations to the twenty-seven lodges meeting in the hall in this city,

Also, to Lodges No. 75, Phœnixville; 211, Kensington; 25, Bristol; 230, Richmond; 135, Manayunk; 245, Doylestown; 81 and 296, Germantown; 190, Norristown; 274, West Philadelphia; 292, Frankford; 236, Chester.

On these several occasions, besides the usual formality and careful inspection of the minutes as reported by the Grand Secretary, and due examination into the character of the proceedings, advantage was taken of the opportunity to impart instruction in the work and other peculiarities of the Order; also to afford, according to my ability, any desired information on Masonic subjects; and by encouraging the proposition of questions, a spirit of inquiry was created, which produced a happy effect, evidenced by the large number in attendance, and the obvious interest of all present.

I have also, in addition to general visiting of the lodges, specially attended a meeting of every lodge occupying the hall, for the purpose of explaining and defining any dissimilarity existing in the work; and at the same time to enforce the nature and character of those duties we owe, and are bound to observe, not only towards each other, but also to the Lodge.

In the discharge of official duties to other portions of the State, I left the city on the 31st day of March, accompanied by the G. Officers, Past G. Masters, Barger, Page, and other brethren, for Womelsdorf, Berks county, to constitute the new lodge at that place, and perform a visitation to the lodges at Reading.

On our arrival at Reading, the brethren were convened, but our limited time was insufficient for the G. Sec. to do more than make a general examination of the minutes; though from these and other sources we can report favorably of both lodges, the members zealous and evincing a continued interest and attachment to the Order.

At Womelsdorf, on the following day, in the presence of a large number of brethren, we constituted Williamson Lodge, No. 307, in ancient form, and installed the officers in their respective stations. Stopping again at Reading on our return, we visited Lodge No. 62, then holding their stated meeting, in company with D. D. G. M. Stout. After explaining and exemplifying the work in general, we retired, pleased with the attentions of these warm-hearted brethren.

On the 3d of June I commenced another visitation with the G. Sec., Brothers Peterson, Snyder, and Scott, to lodges beyond the city. At Sunbury we visited Lodge No. 22, accompanied by D. D. G. M. Welker, and found its affairs properly conducted, and the members not a little interested in the preservation of the ancient work according to previous instructions.

At Williamsport, also, Lodge No. 106 was convened to receive a Grand visitation. Much interest was manifested, and quite a number present. The work, which for want of supervisory authority had become defective, was corrected and explained. The lodge is flourishing, and the members worthy and intelligent.

Having discharged our duty at Williamsport, we left for Troy, Bradford county, and on the following day, June 6th, constituted the new lodge, to be called Trojan, No. 306, and installed the officers.

The members of this new lodge have displayed a commendable liberality in selecting and arranging their room, evidencing in this respect a proper regard for the oft-repeated recommendation of the Grand Officers, that no lodge should be chartered, or permitted to hold its meetings, without an assurance of the adaptation, of the selected place, in all respects, to its purpose.

We next visited the lodge at Erie, at the earnest request of the District Deputy and the W. Master; and found their work much better than had been anticipated, although, for want of practice, deficient in some particulars.

The state of this lodge has been very unfortunate, in consequence of the dissensions among some of its members; and our chief object in making this remote visit, was to endeavor to reconcile animosities, and establish a better feeling among them. After much persuasion and argument openly before the lodge, and afterward in private with the parties, the W. Master was fully instructed in his duties, and urged to the faithful discharge of them, which was deemed all-sufficient at the time, for the preservation of the warrant and the restoration of order; and we have since learned that our efforts were not altogether fruitless, as the lodge is now pursuing its labor in comparative quiet.

On our return homewards, the brethren at Pittsburgh were notified to assemble and receive a Grand visitation. Notwithstanding the abrupt notice, a large number from the several lodges, including those from Allegheny City, were in attendance. The partial examination of the minutes, which our time only allowed, elicited the fact of the general prosperity of all, and that they were no less united in feeling, than harmonious in action, and their work and doings in accordance with our regulations. No little credit is due to the D. Deputy having these lodges in charge, for his Masonic zeal, and accuracy in his decisions; and to the brethren also, for their courteous reception, only equalled by their attentions on a former occasion.

We concluded our visitations at this time by visiting Lodge No. 281, at Altoona, and found the members in the occupancy of their new building, having realized the expectations which were formed at our last visit. The enterprising spirit which prompted the purchase of this property, entitles them to much praise, and is not more laudable than the skill and taste displayed in all the arrange-

ments for lodge purposes. The work of the lodge, also, as exemplified by one of the Past Masters, will not unfavorably compare with some of the best within our observation.

September 25th I again left the city, accompanied by several of the Grand Officers, and other brethren, to visit the lodges at Bethlehem, Easton, and Mauch Chunk; and also to constitute the new lodge at Fort Washington.

At Bethlehem, we made a visitation to Lodge No. 268; the W. Master and other members of Porter Lodge, No. 284, were also present on the occasion. We found the lodge prosperous, but defective in the work, the members worthy and desirous of knowledge; therefore gave them instruction, and then left for Easton, and made a visitation to Lodge No. 152, assisted by the D. Deputy Porter. After pointing out a few errors into which they had fallen, and furnishing such other information in reference to the practice of our jurisdiction as was judged to be necessary, we started for Mauch Chunk. At this place we visited Lodge No. 242, and was much pleased with their proceedings, both as regards the character of the work and devotion of the members.

On our way home, we stopped at Fort Washington, according to our intention. We were here met by the R. W. D. G. M., and R. W. Senior, and Junior G. Wardens, and in the presence of a large number of brethren from Norristown and Germantown, constituted the new lodge, to be called Fort Washington, No. 308, and installed the officers.

On the 2d of September, assisted by the Grand Officers, I constituted Warren Lodge, No. 310, located at Perkiomen Bridge, Montgomery county, and installed the officers.

Also, on the 19th of October, I performed the same duty by constituting Williamson Lodge, No. 309, to be located at Downingtown, Chester county. The ceremonies, on both these occasions, were performed in the Grand Lodge room, in the presence of large assemblages, desirous of witnessing the effect of our revised formula.

The imposing character of the services created a deep interest, and from the general commendation, evidently secured the approbation of all, and confirms, with much force, the improvements made by the Grand Lodge, in this respect, in the new Ahiman Rezon.

On the 27th of October, I left the city in company with the Grand Secretary, Marshal, Pursuivant, and Tyler, for Pottsville and adjacent places.

At Pottsville, made a Grand Visitation to Lodge No. 216, assisted by D. Deputy McCabe.

A large number were in attendance, including a general representation from the Lodges in the vicinity.

The Visitation was interesting, and although protracted to a late hour, the attention was unwearied, and the desire for information unabated.

The Lodge has recently sustained some losses through one of its officers, but in other respects is in a healthy condition, and its

members ardent and solicitous to preserve the land-marks and customs of the Order.

We left Pottsville for St. Clair, Minersville, and Tremont, and visited Lodges Nos. 285, 222, and 267, at these several places; after which we proceeded to Orwigsburg, and performed the same duty to Lodge No. 138. Page Lodge, No. 270, was also represented on this occasion by previous arrangement.

I also visited at this time Lodge No. 238 at Tamaqua.

Special attention was bestowed upon the character of the work as practised in these several Lodges, and we were pleased to find it was free from the novelties which have been noticed in some other districts, reflecting much credit upon the District Deputy, for his skill and attention to the duties of his office.

On leaving Tamaqua for home, we made a visitation at Pottstown to Lodge No. 254, and think it quite worthy of mention as respects the work and other requirements.

On the 24th of November, accompanied by the G. Secretary, G. Steward, G. Marshal, G. Pursuivant, G. Tyler, and other brethren, I visited Lodge No. 43 at Lancaster, and was assisted in the performance of this duty by the D. Deputy Howell. We were received by the members in their Hall, which, since our last visit, had undergone very considerable alterations. They have also erected an additional building on the adjoining lot of ground recently purchased for this purpose, which not only removes all doubt respecting the ownership of the entire property as vested in the Lodge, but will occasion no additional expense to the members, as the income from the rent of the store on the first floor will be sufficient to pay the interest on the cost.

The Lodge room is certainly one of the most convenient and best arranged in the State. The Lodge itself is flourishing, the work and doings in conformity to our regulations, the members energetic and intelligent, and the whole proceedings of a character demanding our highest commendation.

On the 8th of December, the day following the Communication of the Grand Lodge for the election of officers, improving the opportunity of the presence of a general representation of the Subordinate Lodges from other portions of the State, I opened a Grand Lodge of Instruction, hoping it would be promotive of a greater uniformity in the work, and a more conscientious recognition of our Masonic responsibilities.

Judging from the number who availed themselves of this opportunity, and the continued interest throughout a long session, I have no doubt the effort received its full valuation, and confirmed the opinion so often expressed that to make Masonry generally effective in our jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge must have the earnest cooperation of the District Deputy Grand Masters.

I have thus, my brethren, given you a detailed and tedious statement of the various duties performed during the last year. The

kind manner in which I have been received by every Lodge, the deference and respect which have always been paid to my official position, the attention and interest so manifest on every occasion when my humble efforts were employed to impart instruction, and enforce the moral objects of the Order, have so impressed me, that its renewed reflection in after times will ever produce the most compensatory pleasure.

Invoking the continued blessing of the Great Father of us all upon our beloved institution, that the mystic tie which binds us through all of earth's vicissitudes in one common brotherhood may be drawn closer and closer even to eternity's portal, I now proceed to the discharge of my last official duty, the installation of my successor.

The R. W. Grand Master, Bro. John K. Mitchell, upon taking the Chair, then addressed the brethren as follows:

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Officers, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge.

BRETHREN:—Elevated by your approving suffrage, to the highest dignity known to the Masonic order, it becomes my duty to govern the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, for the present Masonic year. This solemn trust, confided almost unanimously to my hands, seems to me, as I enter upon its duties, to assume a growing magnitude. The sense of this magnitude, and of my consequent responsibility, makes me tremble at the task before me, which is to be encountered with enfeebled physical health, and under the burden of other important avocations. But, relying upon the blessings of *The Universal Grand Master*, who has preserved Masonry in all ages, and in whose mighty name, Masons have at all times reverentially assembled, I shall enter upon the difficult task, zealously and hopefully. I trust also, that my brethren, who have imposed on me such arduous duties, will not now withdraw from me the favor and countenance they have hitherto given to my prolonged Masonic course, but will, kindly and untiringly, continue to enlighten me by their wisdom, encourage me by their approval, and sustain me by their power.

I have the more reason to rely upon the wisdom and ability of the Grand Lodge, because of the peculiarity of its organization. Every Mason in the whole body of the brethren, is a selected man, chosen *unanimously* from the whole world, for his virtues and his physical and intellectual capacity, without regard to his accidental wealth and power. Lodges are thus formed, and constitute a band of brethren; entertaining for one another a regard founded upon a careful scrutiny of character. From the lodges thus cautiously formed, are chosen, from time to time, delegates to the Grand Lodge, who have been previously trained to obedience and command, by passing successively through the services of membership to those of Warden and Master. In the Grand Lodge itself, THE CHOICE OF THE TWICE CHOSEN, may therefore be reposed the confidence inspired by the ac-

knowledged virtue and capacity of its members, improved by exact discipline, and trained to the conduct of affairs in each respective lodge.

The individual who is placed by its unsolicited choice, at the head of such a body, is not likely to encounter much difficulty in maintaining order, or enforcing law, as its august character entitles it to proud self-respect, and insures to its selected chief, the homage of all its members. I have therefore, no fear of the future in this respect, nor do I expect to encounter disapprobation, when, as the agent of the Grand Lodge, I shall sometimes have to correct error, or guide the course of debate, according strictly to the rules and regulations it prescribes for itself. If, then, I may have cause, seldom I hope, to compel obedience to these rules and regulations, let those who may hereafter feel disposed to complain, remember, that I am to be governed by the law, which is no respecter of persons, and that the feelings and convenience of a great and dignified assembly, are to be consulted, rather than those of the individual who may transgress against its rules or violate its decorum. I shall, however, in the fulfillment of an imperative duty, endeavor in true Masonic spirit, not to lose sight of the law, also of love, which binds the brethren together, and shall with untiring kindness, invite, rather than enforce, lead, rather than drive. But the Grand Lodge expects compliance with its requisitions, both by officers and members, and as it is your duty, my brethren, not to infringe the rules of good order, it is as imperatively mine, to prevent or correct such infringement.

It is no less the duty of the Grand Master to examine, from time to time, into the condition of the subordinate lodges under his jurisdiction, to correct their errors, and give them such instruction as they may require, for their future well-being. This has been so ably and thoroughly done by the Grand Master who has just closed his eminently honorable and successful term of official duty, as to make my task in this respect, easy and agreeable. But I may be permitted to remark, that many of the trials of his laborious duty, arose from the increasing tendency of the subordinate lodges, to elect officers notoriously incompetent to the performance of the official duties so eagerly sought, and so inconsiderately bestowed. Such a course is not only an irremedial injury to the Lodge, but an undutiful act, undutiful to the Grand Lodge, of which such officers become official members. The incompetency of officers, is unhappily increased by the practice, now too common, of doing their important Masonic work by deputy, so that Masons seek official dignities before they are qualified for them, and working by substitutes, never afterwards acquire the practical skill, which they owe to their lodges in their term of office, and which should enable them to guard and enlighten them in the future. The incompetency of officers, has created an irregular body of self-constituted instructors, who go from lodge to lodge, to exemplify the work in public, or to teach the

members in private. Sometimes the work is good, more often bad, but always in danger of being gradually vitiated, and of being thereafter widely disseminated, to the ultimate detriment of the beautiful and uniform system which has been handed down to us, a sacred trust by our forefathers. I think that the Grand Lodge should consider the propriety of devising some remedy for this increasing evil.

One of the most trying duties of the Grand Master meets him, before he enters on his term of office. Between the time of the election of a new Grand Master and his installation—a period of about three weeks,—he is called upon to select from the whole body of Past Masters, sixty-seven, to serve on important committees, seven to act as officers of the Grand Lodge, and seventeen to assume the honorable and arduous station of district-deputy Grand Master. If, in the discharge of this delicate and difficult selective duty, the Grand Master should sometimes act without due discrimination, and thus disappoint the reasonable expectations of the Grand Lodge and its members, he can only plead in extenuation the shortness of the time, the necessary absence of proof of individual qualifications, and the necessity of choosing a few from among a large body of variously qualified Masons, properly ambitious of honorable Masonic distinction, or desirous of active service in the holy duties of the Grand Lodge. Some functions require for their proper execution, peculiar knowledge, to be acquired only in the office to which they belong. The occupants of such, should therefore be reappointed, lest the business of the Grand Lodge might suffer by a change. In other cases, as in those of important committees for instance, at least one member should for obvious reasons, be retained, whilst new members should be introduced, that the burden of Grand Lodge duty, may not be imposed, for too long a time, upon the same individuals, and that as far as possible, those who have special fitness, may share in the labor and honor. Some of the most valuable functionaries, I regret to say, are placed out of my reach, by positively declining a reappointment.

As the district-deputy Grand Masters are to be sought for, among the brethren who live beyond the limits to which the Grand Master has ready access, still greater difficulty is felt in making a judicious selection of such dignitaries. To give greater weight and efficiency to a district-deputy Grand Master, he should be known favorably to more than his own lodge. He should not depend exclusively on the Masonic respect for the office, a respect which it is sure to receive. He should be a brother in every Masonic sense; of sound morals, enlarged capacity, and good address, and especially qualified to give instruction to the lodges under his charge, both as to the manner and matter of Masonic labor and duty; illustrating Masonry by his conduct, improving it by his knowledge, and enforcing it by his authority. The applications for this, the most dignified and important appointment in the gift of the Grand Master, show, in some instances, how little sense of that dignity and importance, is enter-

tained by the applicants. I regret to say, that even lodges sometimes recommend brethren imperfectly qualified by education and Masonic learning, for duties of such vital importance to their own welfare, and of the greatest moment to the interest and honor of the Grand Lodge. For these reasons,—want of reliable evidence of fitness, or the absence of *any* information, I shall be constrained, contrary to the example set by the Grand Lodge, to again impose upon some of the former able and accomplished district-deputy Grand Masters, the toilsome duty of office, and to leave unprovided for, some districts, until I can obtain sufficient knowledge to enable me to make satisfactory appointments.

By a decision of the Grand Lodge, in June, 1846, it was decreed, that not less than five lodges shall constitute a district, and, by the Ahiman Rezon, it is ordained, that from time to time, the Masonic jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, shall be divided into districts. By the extinction of old lodges, the occasional reorganization of districts, and want perhaps of exact knowledge, together with the formation of new lodges in remote and thinly peopled parts of the country, some districts have lost the right to remain as before, and some have become too burdensome to their district-deputy Grand Masters. For such reasons, it is necessary, for the welfare of the brethren, and in obedience to the law and constitution, to re-district our Masonic jurisdiction. By the new arrangement which I have attempted, all the counties in the State except four, are included in some one or other of the district-deputy Grand Masterships. Some of these counties contain no lodge, but every district has the lawful number of lodges. The four counties excluded, viz: Potter, McKean, Elk and Forest, could not be conveniently included in any other district, and as they contain no lodge, and lie contiguous to each other, they may, as population advances, hereafter form a district by themselves.

The city of Philadelphia contains thirty-four lodges, which are conveniently accessible, and may therefore remain, as heretofore, under the especial and exclusive charge of the Grand Master. It is the first district in order and importance. The rest of the jurisdiction, comprising one hundred and eleven lodges, is to be placed under the care of seventeen district-deputy Grand Masters. Of the Grand Officers by appointment, therefore, seven are selected from the city of Philadelphia, and seventeen from the rest of the State. Only those appointed officers who must be present at every meeting of the Grand Lodge, are necessarily residents of Philadelphia, or its vicinity; the most dignified officers, the district-deputy Grand Masters, are, all of them, residents of other parts of the State.

The rapid progress of Pennsylvania in wealth, population, and educational civilization, has been attended, as always happens in free countries, by a commensurate growth of enlightened Free Masonry. Its discipline and charity go hand in hand with the illumination which demands the one, and the wealth and sentiment which give

means and gracefulness to the other. But as Masons grow powerful, rich and numerous, they are in danger of that corruption which assails all rich and potent communities. A decay of respect for its restraining landmarks, usages and customs, is among the earliest symptoms of that corruption. Usages derived from unmasonic sources, gradually steal into the pure temple of mystic truth, to defile its altars and poison its atmosphere. Its language is altered by the rationalist, its symbols are shaped to suit speculators, its time-sanctioned practices, are bent to the prevailing fashions of the world without, and the golden chain of its generous fraternity and love, is worn rather for ornament than use. Innovation precedes downfall, dereliction of principle foretells abandonment of practical virtue, and the Masonry which decries ancestral and traditional truth, soon ceases to deserve the name of Masonry, either in theory or practice. Cling, therefore, to your time-honored system, preserve inviolate the lessons of your fathers, guard your traditions and usages from sophistication from within, and adulteration from without. Protect them alike from fanciful friends, and concealed enemies. LET US NOT TOUCH THE ARK OF OUR MASONIC COVENANT, LEST WE PERISH MASONICALLY. I, my brethren, will labor zealously for this great object, as my distinguished predecessors have labored; but if *you* do not heartily co-operate with me, my toil will be useless, my efforts vain. Stand, therefore, by your *landmarks*, preserve religiously your *customs and usages*, and valiantly resist innovation, that you may continue to enjoy the precious privileges which the GREAT GIVER of every good and perfect gift, has hitherto vouchsafed to the "*Grand Charity*," which has existed from time immemorial, and *which now covers the earth.*

Charity, that honest charity, which covers a multitude of sins, is, in its most ample form, the greatest virtue and honor of Masonry. Charity of opinion, charity of construction of motive, charity of concealment of repentant error, the wise and graceful charity that blesses him that gives, and him who receives,—*that is Masonic charity.* But to practice it fairly, Masons must be enlightened, as well as economical. The funds accumulated for a generous purpose, should be prudently stored and generously given, and not wasted in ostentation or riotous living, nor spent in any other way than that which leads to the alleviation of sorrow, or the relief of want. I am far from condemning the social meetings of Masons, which serve to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood, and brighten the chain of friendship; but let me entreat you to make your entertainments as simple and inexpensive as possible, avoiding ostentation and the rivalry of lodges, and closing your festivity at such an hour as may suit health and bear reflection. Vain would be the advice offered to the subordinate lodges, if the Grand Lodge were not to set to them an example of economy in the use of the funds entrusted to its charge. All the funds of the Grand Lodge have been derived from liberal individual Masons, and from the subordinate lodges, and

they are a sacred deposit solely for true Masonic purposes, and first among these for charity. Any other application of the resources of the Grand Lodge, is foreign to the purpose of the donors, and to be justified by no sound argument.

Time permits me to properly say no more, and I am aware also that I am addressing a wearied audience. Let me, therefore, entreat you, before we close this communication, to lay to heart the sentiments I have offered to you; and if you entirely approve of them, aid me in carrying out the plan of duty I have laid down for my future course. Uphold my hands in the proper exercise of a just authority, and endeavor by your constitutional obedience, your enlightened counsel, and your well-timed assistance, to make easy the difficult task of government, and set, in every respect, a noble and liberal example to the subordinate lodges. I, on my part, will try earnestly to temper the authority by a polite and considerate moderation, to listen with patience, decide with impartiality, and condemn only when the interest, dignity or honor of the Grand Lodge demands reprehension. In fine, relying upon the guidance of the *Omnipotent Guardian of our Order*, I trust that I may never be permitted to justly offend any brother, however humble, never be suffered to yield to the wrong-doer, however powerful, and never be tempted to compromise Masonic duty through fear, or favor, or ignorance, or presumption. *May I never, for a moment, forget the Mason's pledge, the Master's promise, or the Grand Master's obligation.*

APPENDIX H.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

It is a common thing with authors, when about to engage in some literary enterprise, of the success of which they entertain serious doubts, to attempt, by a plausible excuse, to forestall public opinion, hoping thereby to soften the severity of anticipated criticism. It may be permitted to the writer, on the present occasion, to imitate this prudent example, and say, that not expecting to be again called on to prepare the Report of the Committee, the work has been postponed to a later period than has been entirely compatible with either his comfort or success.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in the discharge of their duty, have examined the printed returns of the following Grand Lodges:—

California, for May, 1857.
Florida, for Jan., 1857.
Virginia, for Dec., 1856.
Louisiana, for Feb., 1857.
Maine, for May, 1856-7.
Illinois, for Oct., 1857.
Iowa, for June, 1856-7.
Indiana, for May, 1857.
Texas, for Jan., 1856-7.
Vermont, for Jan., 1857.
Canada West, for 1857.
Alabama, Dec., 1856.
Arkansas, Nov., 1856.
Oregon, June, 1857.
Tennessee, Oct., 1856.
Kansas, March, 1856.
Missouri, May, 1857.
Michigan, Jan., 1857.
Wisconsin, June, 1857.
New Hampshire, Jan., 1856.
Maryland, July and Oct., 1856.
Maryland, Feb. to April, 1857.
South Carolina, 1856.
N. Carolina, 1856.
State of New York, June, 1857.
State of New York, June, 1857.
Delaware, June, 1856.
Rhode Island, Jan., 1856.
Massachusetts, March, 1856.

California.

The Annual Communication of this Lodge was commenced in the city of Sacramento, on the 12th May, 1857, the M. W. Grand Master, William H. Howard, presiding, and Rt. W. A. G. Abell, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand Master, as usual, is able and interesting, giving a clear, distinct, and (in parts,) eloquent expose of Masonry in his own jurisdiction, together with such exhortations and appeals

to the craft in reference to their duty to the order, as cannot fail, if they are heeded, to produce a salutary effect.

Florida.

The Grand Lodge of Florida, convened at the city of Tallahassee, on the 12th January, 1857. Present, R. W. E. R. Ives, D. G. Master, presiding, and W. John B. Taylor, G. Secretary.

The address of the Grand Master is brief, occupying less than two pages in their printed proceedings, and containing nothing of interest beyond the limits of his own jurisdiction.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from Bro. Thomas Brown, a capital Masonic paper, and deserving the vote of thanks unanimously accorded him at the close. A large portion of the Report is occupied in discussing the Canada question; and whilst we may not concur in all the views and arguments advanced by the intelligent author, yet all must admire the great ability and research manifested in the historical facts and reasonings presented by him.

In the Appendix of the printed proceedings are copious extracts from ancient charges.

Virginia.

The Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia was commenced at the city of Richmond, on the 8th day of December, 1856; present, the M. W. James A. Leitch, Grand Master, and R. W. John Dove, Grand Secretary.

The G. M. in his address, congratulates the brethren on the prosperous condition of Masonry throughout the world, and in his own jurisdiction especially; announces the suspension of Lodge No. 34, for "conduct that would have disgraced a political club;" and notices in a feeling manner the death of two P. Grand Officers. The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Brother James Evans, and contains but little of general interest. As we find to be the case in the proceedings of several of the Grand Lodges, large space is given to the acts and doings of the "Universal Masonic Congress," a body of Masons convened in the City of Paris, on the "Eighth day of the Fourth Month of the Year of True Light," 5855, which, being interpreted, means the 8th June, 1855.

As this Grand Lodge has manifested very little interest in the whole project, except that one of our own highly respectable Past Masters was there as a delegate, we shall not occupy its time with any further notice of its proceedings.

Louisiana.

The forty-fifth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the city of New Orleans, on the 9th February, 1857; present, William M. Perkins, M. W. G. Master, and W. S. G. Risk, G. Secretary. The address of the G. Master is brief, and mainly occupied by a detail of his official acts, and other local matters. It may not

be known to all the members of this G. Lodge, that the craft in Louisiana have given to their brethren throughout the country, and to the *Masonic World*, an example of *practical Masonry*, highly honorable to themselves, and worthy of imitation wherever the order is known. So far as the plan of the organization is known to us, it is as follows: A number of the Lodges in the city of New Orleans, and other parts of the State, have united together and established what is termed the "Louisiana Relief Lodge, No. 1." The object of the organization is, to afford relief to the poor, destitute, sick, and afflicted Masons, their widows and orphans, of whatever kindred, country, tribe, or tongue. When sick, they are kindly nursed and cared for; when they die, they are decently interred, and their widows and orphans comforted and supported. But we cannot do justice to these "good Samaritans," without making some extracts from a report to the Grand Lodge, now before us.

"*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana.*

"In accordance with the precedent of last year, the following is presented you as the report and returns of 'Louisiana Relief Lodge, No. 1,' for the year ending the 31st December, 1856. During the past year our City and State have been blessed by the favor of Divine Providence, with a freedom from all epidemical diseases, and hence the calls upon us for assistance have been much less than in any former year since the organization of the Lodge. The total amount granted, has been $1,550, and which has been distributed as follows: Masons from Arkansas, $30; California, $5; Canada West, $10; Connecticut, $1; Dist. Col., $5; France, $20; Germany, $36.50; Georgia, $109.50; Ireland, $50; Iowa, $6; Jamaica, W. I., $11; Kentucky, $31; Louisiana, $50; Malta, $38.25; Missouri, $15; Mississippi, $42.75; North Carolina, $23; New York, $64; Ohio, $53; South Carolina, $10; Texas, $7.50; Unknown, $15:—aggregate, $663.50. Widows and orphans—California, $70; England, $56; Ireland, $27; France, $20; Alabama, $250; Louisiana, $270; Mississippi, $55; Maryland, $80; New York, $30; South Carolina, $49; Scotland, $197.50; Texas, $60; aggregate, $917. Total, $1550.50. In five years, from 1852 to 1856, inclusive, the Lodge paid out the large sum of $9,418.65, and only $271 of which in their own jurisdiction." The report adds: "The amounts above set forth embrace nothing whatever granted to members, or the families of members, belonging to the Lodges associated in the Relief Lodge, nor do the amounts for 1855 and 1856 contain the cost of a burial place, nor the vaults or graves in which the brothers are buried."

MAINE.

The Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge for 1856-7, have been received since our last Report. The Grand Master in 1856 was the W. M. John Miller, and M. W. Charles B. Smith, Recording Grand Secretary. In 1857, the Grand Master is M. W. Jabez True, and M. W. Ira Berry, Recording Grand Secretary.

Both adresses of the respective Grand Masters are exclusively confined to local matters. Both reports on Foreign Correspondence are supposed to be from the pen of Brother Cyril Pearl, as in the first his name stands at the head of the Committee, and the latter bears his signature alone. They are able documents and do credit to the ability of our "'down-east" Sister.

Illinois.

The Seventeenth Grand Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the city of Springfield, in October, 1857. M. W. James H. Hibbard, Grand Master, and R. W. Harman G. Reynolds, G. Secretary. The G. Master announces that, during the past year, he had (by proxy) constituted and installed the officers of *forty new Lodges*. This is an immense accession in a single year, and the sudden introduction of so many "raw recruits" among the workmen of the Temple, might, we should think, justly cause anxiety, if not alarm. The G. Master has issued twenty-six Dispensations for new Lodges the present year, for which he has received, as fees, the sum of $500; the balance, he says, was received by the G. Secretary. We do not wonder that he exhorts the Committee on Lodges U. D. to "scrutinize *closely* the work, for I *know*," he adds, "some have done very irregular work." Two hundred and twenty-six Lodges were represented at this Grand Communication.

Iowa.

From this interesting young Grand Lodge we have the proceedings for 1856 and 1857, being their Thirteenth and Fourteenth Grand Annual Communications, held at Iowa City in June of each year. The distinguished and highly talented Doctor John F. Sanford is the present G. Master, and the no less distinguished T. S. Parvin is Grand Secretary. All of the proceedings evince a high state of prosperity among the craft, and were it permitted, we could with pleasure, fill up our report from these two volumes now open before us.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Brother Parvin, the Grand Secretary, and like all his efforts, is one of great power. His notice of this jurisdiction is so fraternal that we cannot resist the temptation to copy his remarks.

"This jurisdiction has always (at least within our recollection,) been favored with excellent Grand Masters, but the present seems, from the good report everywhere greeting us, to be a model among the best of them. Bro. Hyneman, of the Mirror, desirous to reflect so good an image, has presented this Grand Lodge with a superior mezzotint likeness of the worshipful brother, which we have had appropriately framed, and which now decorates our office. The Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, in his tours of Grand Visitation, always avails himself of the opportunity to impress, in well-prepared addresses, upon the minds and hearts of the brethren, the great and practical truths of the order, and then these addresses

are published for the benefit of the craft not privileged to hear them. We have ever read these addresses with pleasure and profit. In the volume before us we notice a very distinctive feature, a great but commendable innovation upon the body of Masonry, practiced in the Keystone State—a very respectable report on Foreign Correspondence, of twenty-two pages, by Brother William Badger. We regret to observe that our proceedings, though duly forwarded, were not received. The great difficulty we have had to contend against in the discharge of the pleasing duty before us, also met our brother, and we give it in his appropriate language. 'In the mass of valuable and important Masonic information thus spread out before us, our only difficulty seems to be how we shall keep our report within reasonable limits, and yet collate and present such extracts from the proceedings of each Grand Lodge, as their intrinsic merits seem to require at our hands.' In their review of the Massachusetts proceedings, the Committee speak in praise of the Bay State Masons, for their successful efforts in 'securing the living lineaments of more than twenty Past Grand Masters, embracing a period of service of eighty-five years, and very pertinently ask why Pennsylvania shall not 'go and do likewise?' She, too, has an illustrious array of names. During the seventy-eight years of her existence she has had thirty Grand Masters, fifteen of whom are still living, but death is thinning their ranks."

Brother Parvin has been led into a very natural error in supposing Brother Badger to be the author of that report. It would doubtless have been well for the credit of the Grand Lodge, if such had been the case, but that brother is in no respect responsible for the errors and imperfections of that production. His cares and duties, personal, professional, and public, were such as to preclude the possibility of his devoting to it the time absolutely necessary for such a work; it was therefore entrusted to the unpracticed pen of the present writer.

Indiana.

The last Annual Grand Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at the city of Indianapolis, on the 25th day of May, 1857; present, M. W. A. C. Downey, Grand Master, and R. W. Francis King, Grand Secretary. The report of the Grand Master is a good business-like document, but almost exclusively upon local matters. One hundred and ninety-nine Lodges were represented. The receipts for the year, $9,617.50, and disbursements, $9,723.78. The report on Foreign Correspondence by Brother S. D. Bayless, quite brief, and no notice of this Grand Lodge; our proceedings probably not received.

Texas.

We have the proceedings of this Grand Lodge in their Annual Grand Communications of 1856 and 1857, contained in two ponderous volumes of over six hundred pages. The Committee confess that the very *magnitude* of these immense books is truly alarming. They are aware, from the acknowledged ability of our Texas brethren,

that the books contain a vast amount of interest and instruction, but how to get at it, where to begin, what to select, and what to pass by, is the question.

The Grand Master in 1856, was M. W. E. B. Nichols, and R. W. A. S. Ruthven, Grand Secretary; in 1857, M. W. E. B. Sexton, Grand Master, and the same Grand Secretary. In the first meeting, ninety-four Lodges were represented, and in the latter eighty-seven.

From the Grand Treasurer's account, it appears that, including a balance of $5,151.42 on hand, the receipts of the past year were $14,186, and the disbursements about the same. In the Committees of Correspondence, about a dozen lines each year are appropriated to Pennsylvania; but of this we should not complain, for, to own the truth, we have not generally given them very much to report upon.

Vermont.

The Grand Lodge of the Green Mountain State, convened at Burlington on the 14th January, 1857, M. W. Philip C. Tucker, G. Master, and R. W. John B. Hollenbeck, G. Secretary. The Grand Master's address occupies twenty-one pages of their printed proceedings, and almost wholly on the subject of the recognition of the independent G. Lodge of Canada. It is decidedly the most powerful and convincing argument we have seen on that subject, and we know not how his reasoning can be successfully resisted.

Thirty-six subordinate Lodges were represented.

The report on For. Cor. by Bro. Davenport is quite able, and in a kind, fraternal spirit. No proceedings had been received from this Grand Lodge later than 27th December, 1855. It refers to the opening address of P. G. M. Hutchinson, in which he recounts the trials and triumphs of Masonry for the last fifty years; gives the cost of their New Hall, which he puts down at $156,477. It also refers to the inaugural address of the R. W. G. Master, Peter Williamson, which the Committee describe as "short, eloquent, and appropriate." No financial statement is given.

Canada.

The proceedings of this Grand body, at a half-yearly meeting held at Toronto, on the 21st May, 1856, are contained in a pamphlet of sixty-three pages, and full of matter of the deepest interest. There is probably no question at the present day of deeper interest among Masons on the American continent, than that of the legality or illegality of this Grand Lodge. Your Committee have no desire to precipitate this question upon the G. Lodge of Pennsylvania, nor have they either time or space to do so if such desire existed.

Alabama.

The Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the city of Montgomery, December 1st, 1856. M. W. Sterling A. M. Wood, Grand Master, and Amand P. Pfister, Grand Secretary. Two hun-

dred and thirty-seven Lodges were represented. The Grand Master, in his address, speaks favorably of the prosperity of the order, and gives some excellent advice.

The report on For. Cor. is from Bro. R. H. Ervin. It is brief—only about a dozen pages—but none the less to be admired on that account. No notice of this G. L. The finances in good condition, with $6,500 in the Treasury.

Arkansas.

The proceedings of this Grand Lodge have become somewhat stale by reason of age, the communication having been held on the 5th November, 1856, at the city of Little Rock. M. W. Nath'l G. Smith, Grand Master, and R. W. T. D. Merrick, Grand Secretary. Ninety-three chartered Lodges and several U. D. represented.

Bro. L. E. Barber reported from Com. on For. Cor. No new matter introduced. Pennsylvania not mentioned.

Oregon.

The seventh Annual Communication of this young sister in the "far West" was held at Salem on the 8th June, 1857. Present: A. M. Belt, M. W. G. Master, and W. S. Caldwell, R. W. G. Secretary. Twelve Lodges were represented, and the proceedings indicate a happy state of Masonic progress. Grand Master Belt delivered a good address. The report of the Com. on For. Cor. is brief, and closes with the following resolutions, which were severally adopted:

"*Resolved.* No petition shall be received from any candidate for initiation until he shall have resided one year within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

"*Resolved.* No applicant for advancement shall be allowed to receive the degree applied for until he shall be examined in open Lodge, and prove himself a proficient in the work and lectures of the preceding degree.

"*Resolved.* That this G. Lodge cheerfully recognize the G. L. of Kansas, and cordially extend to it our fraternal salutations."

Massachusetts.

The G. Lodge of the "Old Bay State" held several Grand Communications during the year 1856, commencing on the 12th March and closing on the 30th December. On the last, the M. W. G. Master Winslow Lewis declined a re-election, and the M. W. John T. Heard was duly elected and installed as G. Master.

The Committee regret the absence of any proceedings from Kentucky, Georgia, and New Jersey.

Delaware.

The Grand Annual Communication of our neighboring G. Lodge of Delaware was held in the city of Wilmington on the 27th day of June, 1856—an ancient date for so near a neighbor. The following officers present: M. W. Alfred P. Robinson, Grand Master, and R. W.

Daniel R. Wolfe, Grand Secretary. Ten Lodges represented. The G. M. speaks favorably and hopefully of the condition of the Craft. Brother Guthrie's somewhat caustic report is not among the proceedings.

Rhode Island.

We have from this State the proceedings of a quarterly Grand Communication held in Providence, on the 27th August, 1855—not quite two and a half years—proceedings entirely too stale to notice. An Annual Communication, however, was held on the 24th June, 1856. M. W. Oliver Johnson, Grand Master, and Wm. C. Barker, Grand Secretary. Sixteen Lodges represented. An excellent report on For. Cor. by Bro. Ballou, which we very much wish we had time to notice in extenso, but the thing is impossible. Another most interesting document is before us from Rhode Island, which we must also give the go-by. It is a pamphlet of more than a hundred pages, containing the proceedings, in June last, at the Centennial Anniversary of St. John's Lodge, No. 2, on the festival of St. John the Baptist.

Tennessee.

We have before us the proceedings of this Grand Lodge at their Annual Meeting, commenced at the city of Nashville on the 6th October, 1856. M. W. John S. Dashiell, Grand Master, and R. W. C. A. Fuller, Grand Secretary. Two hundred and fifty-eight Lodges were represented. The G. Treasurer reports a balance of cash on hand, $7,966.93. The G. Master was mourning over some severe domestic affliction—and also spoke in feeling terms of the loss the Craft had sustained in the death of the venerable P. G. Master Thomas Claiborne, the first Grand Master elect of the G. L. of Tennessee—October, 1813. The brethren there—as if "misfortunes seldom come single"—have been called to witness the entire destruction of their Masonic Hall by fire. Nothing of special importance from Com. on For. Cor.

Kansas.

We are pleased to receive Masonic greetings from our young sister, and cordially extend to her the right hand of fellowship.

A convention of Master Masons was held at the city of Leavenworth on the 17th March, 1856, and proceeded to organize a Grand Lodge. They adopted a constitution and by-laws, and elected and installed the Grand Officers. Bro. Richard R. Rees, M. W. G. M., and Bro. Charles T. Harrison, Grand Secretary. We have also the proceedings of an "adjourned" meeting held on the 14th July; but nothing seems to have occurred of general interest.

Missouri.

The Grand Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the city of St. Louis on the 25th day of May, 1857. M. W. Hon. Benj. Sharp, Grand Master, and R. W. A. O'Sullivan, Grand Secretary.

Lodges represented, seventy-eight. The G. Master's address is confined to local matters, except a few eloquent words defining true Masonic charity. It is to be regretted that the charity of our Missouri brethren has led them to embark in an enterprise which is likely to prove a failure. We allude to the Masonic College. We have no statistics of the cost of the institution, but the cost of supporting it may be understood from the following statement of the Grand Master. "With the amount of money we are paying, perhaps five times the number of beneficiaries might be fed, clothed, and educated in the most respectable College in the country. From the report of the President we learn that the expense of the College the past year has been $5,200, and the number of beneficiaries attending it only *eight*." So that each pupil in the school has cost, for a single year, $650.

The report on Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. George Whitcomb—well written, and in a fine, pleasant, Masonic spirit. In speaking of us he says, "The G. Lodge met in Philadelphia, Dec. 3d, A. L. 5855, and their proceedings, a pamphlet of fifty-six pages, got to St. Louis (some forty-eight hours' travel) on the 5th August ensuing. We fear our brother Adams overlooked us for a while."

The Committee are far from ascribing any fault to our Grand Secretary, and yet they must be permitted to express their deep regret that so much delay occurs in the publication and distribution of the annual proceedings of this Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge of Missouri, whose proceedings are now before us, held their session on the 25th May. Ours was on the 27th December, previously, the long period of five months, and yet they were not received.

The Missouri Committee, after speaking of the Girard and other funds and the income of the Grand Lodge, go on to say, "The Grand Lodge offered her services as mediator between the different bodies of professed Masons in New York, similar to Bro. Foster's proposition, but received a pretty severe lecture from New York for making the offer. We suppose she did wrong in thus attempting to meddle with other people's business; but notwithstanding the harsh language that has been—we hope fraternally—used, she has the consolation of knowing, that He who is to inspect the work, has said 'blessed are the peace-makers.' We wish the matter was settled; for we know, from experience, the difficulties that surround a stranger in New York, indeed we were almost afraid to hail as a Mason, for fear of finding ourselves communicating with Masons belonging to some other Lodge than those acknowledging Bro. Evans as G. M." Brother Whitcomb adds: "We think, however, that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania should join with the other Grand Lodges, in recognizing the present Grand Lodge of New York as legitimate." All this is so kindly said, and expresses such pure Masonic feeling, that we are induced to depart from a resolution we had formed, not further to discuss this subject, and offer a few remarks. We say then—1st. There is not a Grand Lodge within the limits of this

broad Union, or an individual Mason, that more deeply regrets the present condition of things between our neighbors of New York and ourselves, than does the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, its Subordinate Lodges and members. We say, 2dly—That for the present relations between the two jurisdictions, *the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is not responsible.* Both of these positions may be sustained by irrefutable facts and arguments. We have however, only time and space on the present occasion for a very few words.

Our first position is self-evident and needs no support. As well might it be doubted that a quiet man would regret to see peace restored after a contest in his own family. In regard to our second proposition then, we remark, that had the Grand Lodge of New York received the proffer of mediation in the spirit in which it was made—no matter whether accepted or rejected—if done with Masonic kindness and courtesy—the Grand Lodge of New York and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania would long since have been laboring peacefully and harmoniously together, exerting their great power and influence to promote the prosperity and welfare of Masonry throughout the world.

No matter whether our excellent Grand Master was right or wrong on the score of policy—admit for the sake of argument that it was unwise to renew an offer that had already been rejected on the part of other Grand Lodges—the only question is, was there anything in the offer itself or the manner in which it was made, that justified the extreme harshness on the part of the New York Committee of Correspondence? No one would think of blaming New York for declining our mediation, but why delay for several months making any reply at all, and then reply in terms that placed recognition out of the question? Much has been said in regard to our not inviting the Grand Lodge of New York on the occasion of the dedication of our Masonic Hall. None can know better than the high officers themselves, that nothing could be further from our wishes or intentions than to treat them with the slightest disrespect—but on that occasion we were placed in circumstances of painful embarrassment. The hope was strong in the hearts of many, that we should have the proud satisfaction of soon seeing—through our own instrumentality—peace and concord again reigning in New York.

Our only hope of effecting it was by maintaining strict neutrality between the parties. Had we invited both, the Evans party, and some others, would not attend—and had we invited the Evans, and *not* the Phillips party, it would be said, and said truly, that our decision was made, and nothing left for mediation.

Whilst upon this subject we regard it as a duty to our Grand Lodge, to correct an error on the part of the M. W. Grand Master of New York in his address in June last. He is said to have used the following language: "It is with a feeling of sincere sorrow, wholly unmixed with anger, that I am constrained to point to the single exception to our amiable relations with the Grand Lodges

and Fraternity of the world. I mean in the State of Pennsylvania. It is unnecessary for me to call attention to the points in difference between us. Our relations are not changed from what they were at the last Annual Communication. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, after an interchange of fraternal courtesies ranging through three-quarters of a century, has assumed to be in doubt as to the existence of a Grand Lodge in this State, and affects to think that there is no regular Masonic Fraternity left within our borders, and has *sternly forbidden her subordinates from having communication with us.* A resolution imposing the same interdict on our part was introduced at our last Annual Communication; and upon motion of a distinguished brother, whose heart still clung with affection to a body from whom he had derived hereditary honors, to add to his own well-earned laurels, and with a generosity widely in contrast with the indignity offered him personally, it was laid upon the table. In my judgment, the time has now arrived for action upon it. A sense of self-respect leaves us no other alternative, and the complaints of our brethren thrust from *their* doors, while ours have been left open to receive those hailing from the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, ought not longer to pass unheeded. We can and ought as sternly to ignore the existence of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and its subordinates, as they do ours. But it is not meant that this shall be done in a spirit of personal bitterness. Pennsylvania has too many noble and distinguished brethren to make this aught but a sad and sorrowful parting between us. When justice shall prevail in its counsels, and a conviction of our existence shall dawn upon our beclouded brethren in that State, then we shall be as prompt and ready to extend the right hand of fellowship as we have been in the long by-gone years." The following resolution was afterwards adopted: "*Resolved*, That until the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania shall recognize this Grand Lodge, and accord to and treat her members and constituents with the respect and fraternal courtesy due to all Masons and Masonic bodies, all Masonic intercourse between that Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of New York, be and hereby is suspended, and the Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction are hereby forbidden to permit the visitation of Masons hailing from that State, until such recognition shall take place." The error we have alluded to—no doubt unintentional—on the part of the M. W. Grand Master, is in saying that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania "has sternly forbidden her subordinates from having communication with us." No such order has ever been given by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania—not even since the interdict of June last.

Michigan.

This Grand Lodge held her Annual Communication at Detroit on the 14th January, 1857. Present: R. W. Geo. C. Munro, Grand Master, and R. W. James Fenton, Grand Secretary. Eighty-one Lodges represented. In the course of the Grand Master's address he says: "In

order that the subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction may have knowledge of the Masonic law, and under its uniform practice, I am induced to request the G. L. to decide whether, after a candidate has been elected, he can be rejected on objection raised by a brother who was not present when the ballot was passed, and whether such objection is good against a ballot for conferring any of the degrees? also, is it proper and legal, after a ballot has been passed at one regular meeting, at a subsequent regular meeting to move a reconsideration of the vote and pass the ballot again?" Our law of ballot is this: "If a candidate be rejected, a second ballot may be had on the motion of any member duly seconded, made at one stated meeting, and adopted at the next or at some subsequent meeting. But the ballot so allowed shall be taken at the next stated meeting after the adoption of such motion."

A third ballot can only be had by application to the G. L. A candidate, at any stage of his progress, may be arrested for valid reasons by a majority of the Lodge. As a common thing, we only ballot on the first degree. Nothing of special interest from the Com. on For. Correspondence. No proceedings from Pa.

Wisconsin.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was held on the 9th of June, 1857, M. W. Henry S. Baird, Grand Master, and R. W. William R. Smith, Grand Secretary. Sixty members and representatives of Lodges present. The G. Master's address relates chiefly to local affairs. He announces the death of J. W. Bicknell, D. D., G. Master. No report on correspondence. The craft seem to be in a flourishing condition.

New Hampshire.

Meeting held at Concord, June 10th, 1856; present, M. W. Ichabod G. Jordan, G. Master, and Horace Chase, G. Secretary. Twenty-four Lodges represented. The G. Master's address is short, and relates entirely to the affairs of his own jurisdiction. A good report from Committee on Foreign Correspondence, but brings out nothing new. Indeed, the whole proceedings are a year and a-half old. Since closing our report we have received from the Grand Secretary the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, at their Annual Communication, held at Concord, on the 9th and 10th June, 1857. M. W. Alfred Greely, G. Master, and the same G. Secretary. Twenty-one Lodges represented. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence refer briefly to this G. Lodge; give a short extract from the G. Master's address; speak of our charity fund; notice our election; bestow a passing remark upon our Foreign Correspondence Report, and wind up as follows:

"The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania appears to take views upon many subjects different from other Grand Lodges. Thus we find that the G. Master gave, during the year, 179 dispensations to 'pass

the chair,' a way of making Past Masters, which we, happily, have not learned." Now all we have to say is simply this, that if our work differs from some other Grand Lodges, that alone does not prove that *we* are wrong and *they* are right. But we would like to inquire of the brothers, whether we are to infer from their remarks, that they deny that the Past Master's degree properly belongs to Symbolic Masonry? If they do, we may have something hereafter to say on the subject.

Maryland.

From this State we have the proceedings of two Grand Communications, the first on the 17th November, 1856, and the latter on the 24th February, 1857. M. W. Grand Master Charles Webb, and Jos. Robinson, G. Secretary. Twenty-three Lodges represented. The Grand Master, in a few words "fitly chosen," congratulates the brethren on the happy and prosperous condition of the fraternity, and the prevalence of harmony and kind feeling. Receipts in 1856 about $2,000, and balance in hands of Grand Treasurer about $1,300. The Report on Correspondence by Brother John S. Berry; no new subject introduced, and nothing in either report requiring particular notice.

South Carolina.

From this Grand Lodge we have proceedings of several Grand Communications during the year 1856, commencing 31st December, 1856, M. W. Alfred Price, Grand Master, and W. A. G. Mackey, Grand Secretary. The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Brother Mackey, the Grand Secretary, and is, of course, able and instructive. We would gladly give extracts, but the shortness of time allowed to complete our report, and its already overgrown bulk, both admonish us to forbear.

North Carolina.

The Grand Lodge of the "Old North State," assembled on the 1st December, at Raleigh; present, M. W. Pleasant A. Holt, Grand Master, and Wm. T. Bain, Grand Secretary. From the address of the Grand Master, we can plainly see, that, like our brethren in Missouri, they are destined to have trouble enough with their Masonic College. It is a good, a noble thing, to educate the children of deceased brethren; but this thing of attempting to build and support colleges, with no better dependence than the voluntary contributions of subordinate Lodges, in nine cases out of ten will prove a failure. Better, far better, in our humble opinion, to feed and clothe them, if they need it, and send them to some good unexceptionable common school, and thus prepare them in mind and morals to become good and useful citizens.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Brother Will C. Doub. We envy the worthy brother his miraculous powers of condensation, for he reviews thirty Grand Lodges and two Grand Chapters in *seven and a half pages.*

NEW YORK.

Your Committee have before them proceedings from two bodies of Masons, both claiming to be the "Grand Lodge of Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York." One of these Grand bodies has, by solemn act of legislation, placed an interdict between it and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and strictly forbidden all Masonic intercourse between her subordinates and ours; whilst the other Grand body has never been recognized by us as a legal Grand Lodge. It will be seen how painfully embarrassing is the position of the Committee. In both Grand bodies are many members in whom we recognize brothers and friends that we honor and love, but by no act of ours must we add new complications to the difficulties already existing between the parties themselves, or between either of them and us. We can, therefore, only hope that the time is not far distant when all dissensions ceasing, peace and harmony and brotherly love will be restored to the entire jurisdiction of New York, and our own feelings, motives and wishes better understood and appreciated.

Thus have your Committee passed in review the printed proceedings of twenty-eight Grand Lodges, embracing in the aggregate upwards of five thousand pages. The duty, though laborious, has been interesting and instructive; and the Committee only regret that the limited time allowed them, and necessary attention to other duties, have compelled them to present their report in a form by no means satisfactory to themselves, and they fear still less so to the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. SCOTT, *On behalf of Committee.*

APPENDIX I.

[From "Abstract of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, A. D. 1858, A. L. 5858. Philadelphia. King & Baird, Printers, 607 Sansom Street. 1859."]

The Committee of Correspondence made the following report:—

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee of Correspondence ask leave to make the following report. The R. W. G. Secretary has transmitted to the Committee the transactions and proceedings of the R. W. G. Lodges of Texas: The twenty-first Annual Communication, held at Waco, on the 3d Monday of January, A. D. 1858, A. L. 5858. Delaware: The proceedings of the Grand Communication, held at Wilmington, on June 27 and October 13, 1857, and June 23 and July 7, 1858; at Dover, January 29; at Delaware City, June 16; at Georgetown, August 17, A. D. 1858, A. L. 5858. North Carolina: The proceedings of the Grand Communication, held at Raleigh, December 7, 1857. Louisiana: The forty-sixth Annual Communication, held at New Orleans, February 8, 1858. Illinois: The seventeenth Grand Communication, held at Springfield, October 6, 1857. Kentucky: The Grand Annual Communication, held at Lexington, October 12, 1857. Massachusetts: Abstract of proceedings of Grand Communications, held at Boston, from March 11 to December 28, 1857. Arkansas: The Grand Communication, held at Little Rock, November 2, 1857. District of Columbia: The Grand Communications, held at Washington, from May 5 to December 27, 1857. Nebraska: Proceedings of Masonic Convention to organize the Grand Lodge of the Territory, held at Omaha City, September 23, 1857; and also the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, then and there organized, held June, 1858. Ohio: The proceedings of the Grand Lodge, held at Massillon, October 20 to 24, 1857. Tennessee: The Grand Communication, held at Nashville, on 1st Monday in October, 1857. Vermont: The Annual Communication, held at Burlington, on 2d Wednesday of January, 1858. Virginia: The Grand Communication, held at Richmond, December 14, 1857. South Carolina: Abstract of proceedings of Grand Lodge, held at Charleston, from June 19, 1857, to March 3, 1858. Rhode Island: The proceedings of the Grand Communications for the year ending June 24, 1857, held at Warren, being the sixty-sixth anniversary. New Jersey: The proceedings of the Grand Communication, held at Trenton, on June 24, 1857, and January 13, 1858. Mississippi: The proceedings of the fortieth Grand Annual Communication, held at Jackson, from the 18th to 22d of January, 1858. Maryland: The pro-

ceedings of the Special Grand Communication, held at Baltimore, July 15, 1857, and Grand Communication, November 16, 17, 18 and 19, 1857, and Supreme Grand Communication, held May 10, 1858. Michigan: Transactions of the Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication, held at Detroit, January 13, 1858. Minnesota: The proceedings of the Grand Annual Communication, held at St. Paul, January 5, 1858. California: The proceedings of the Grand Annual Communication, held at Sacramento, from 11th to 17th May, 1858. Kansas: The proceedings of the Grand Communication, held at Leavenworth, October 19, 1857. Florida: The proceedings of the Annual Communication, held at Tallahassee, January 11, 1858. Maine: The proceedings of the Annual Communication, held at Portland, May, 1858. New York: Transactions of the Annual Communication, held at New York, commencing June 1, 1858; also a circular manifesto, dated November 1, 1858, addressed to all Grand Lodges, stating a settlement of the difficulties in New York, and that but one Grand Lodge now exists in that jurisdiction. Indiana: The proceedings of the Grand Communication, held at Indianapolis, May 24, 1858. Wisconsin: The proceedings of the Grand Communication, held at Milwaukee, June 8, 1858. New Hampshire: Journal of proceedings of the Grand Communication, held at Concord, 8th and 9th June, 1858. Missouri: The proceedings of the thirty-eighth Annual Communication, held at St. Louis, May 24, 1858. Oregon: The proceedings of the eighth Annual Communication, held at Astoria, July 12, A. L. 5858. Peru: A circular from Juan Ezeta, Grand Secretary, dated Lima, November 11, 1857, covering a manifesto as to causes of all difficulties with certain Lodges in that jurisdiction. Canada: The proceedings of a Convention of Free and Accepted Masons, held at Hamilton, Canada West, October 10, 1856. Uruguay: A communication from the Grand Order of Uruguay. Also a communication from John Dove, "Member of the Permanent Committee of the United States of America, dated Grand Secretary's office, Richmond, April, A. D. 1858, A. L. 5858," in regard to certain proceedings of a Masonic Congress, held in Paris, in the empire of France.

Also Reports from the Louisiana Relief Lodge, of New Orleans. The perusal of these reports indicates that the condition of the Masonic brotherhood in the several jurisdictions is prosperous, active and increasing. It is worthy of remark that among so large an aggregate number of individuals, so much harmony and unity in action and of purpose exists. Sectionalism, heresy, and schism, have found no rest for the soles of their feet within the confines of our beloved order. From the uttermost verge of Kansas to the boundary of Massachusetts Masonic accord triumphs over every animosity. The darkness of ignorance, prejudice and self-interest which pervades the outer world and so often govern its affairs, are dispelled, by that true Masonic light, which guides our feet into the paths which lead to union, charity and brotherly love. If amid the dissensions and divisions which other institutions of our country exhibit, the Ma-

sonic fraternity are so happily blessed with the spirit of peace, surely the teachings of the craft, and the principles of its organization, are not only powerfully and lastingly impressed on the Masonic character, but they are worthy of the emulation of patriotic and intelligent men. If perchance differences may exist, either among brethren of one family, or representative bodies, their speedy accommodation, the certain result of the influence of the precepts of the pedestal, not only invigorates the Masonic body, but purifies and subdues the character into sympathy with that unity and fellowship, which are among its peculiar characteristics. We feel deeply impressed with the significance of these suggestions, which are forced upon the mind by the examination of the condition of the Order, as revealed by the authoritative reports of the several Grand Lodges of the United States. Brethren of a common faith, wherever located over our Country or the world, let us rejoice and be grateful together, in the union of our fellowship, and the fellowship in our union. Let us guard with all the powers of our minds, the feelings of our heart and the strength of our might, the corner-stone and temple dedicated to principles of such universality of application, and efficacy. Let us show to sects, sectarians, schismatics, and sectionalists, that our strength is union, our bonds charity, and our union is broad and deep as the sympathies of intelligent humanity. In our individual or representative intercourse, let us be ever active in taking the beam out of our Masonic eye, which will enable us to be more certain in not mistaking it for the mote in the eye of a brother. Let us hold fast that which is good, and thus refrain from seeking after that which is new, which too often "leads to bewilder, and dazzles to blind." Let us remember that progress in our knowledge, may not be advancement, and that the door opened wide enough to admit a modification, may let in an innovation. In times of trouble, hours of danger, days of evil, and seasons of prosperity, let us think of these things. The indwelling with these true Masonic monitions, will most assuredly solace, support, and satisfy. We have been impelled thus to speak, from the fullness of fraternal interest in the craft, the world over. Our warmest and trues feelings of sympathy and regard, we extend to all who assemble round the altars dedicated to pure Masonic truth. May it increase, abound, and magnify itself among you. While the several reports of the Grand Lodges now under notice furnish abundant evidence of the prosperity and harmony of the great Masonic family; and present to the reader, much, very much to commend, improve, enlighten, and gratify; yet there are scattered over the pages of these reports, far too great an amount of matter which we must respectfully think is there, eminently out of place. We wish neither to be, nor to be regarded as, critics to condemn or monitors to reprove. Our duty is that which *loyalty to landmarks* makes imperative. To lay waste a border, remove a stake, obliterate a line or interpolate the text, in what we have received, as we received it, we can neither

justify nor approve. In such a condition of affairs, where ever existing, silence may be significant of satisfaction. The dictates of this duty demands us to call attention to the error as we think it, in the hope that no friendly ear will be pained by a timely caution, given in the spirit of a sincere and only desire for the best, and true, and sure interest of the Order. To be steadfast and stable, is better than to be towering and theoretical. Masonry clings with too much tenacity to experience, to tolerate experiment. If there be truth in these sayings; then in many of the reports alluded to, we find subjects introduced and discussed, which belong exclusively to oral teachings in the temple. We think addresses of grand officers, and reports of committees of correspondence, are not the proper rostrums for Masonic polemics. These efforts "to keep step with the music of the union" are unknown to true Masonry. They are unbecoming and unwarrantable. They found no favor with the fathers, and are strangers among the legitimate descendants of the workmen of Lebanon. This language thus unknown at the building of Solomon's Temple, is equally a strange tongue now, it belongs more properly among those who claim kindred with the workmen on Babel's Tower. We cannot close these remarks, without expressing the regret that so much prominence of notice, is, in several Grand Lodge proceedings, given to Masonic publications. We greatly fear the good which these printed papers may do, may be buried with, and the evil they can do, survive their ephemerality. At best, their necessary characteristic must be, too often, crudeness. They cannot teach what ought to be known, and not unfrequently what they teach, is best unknown. Masonry existed and flourished, was harmonious and happy in their absence. The risk run of improvement, hardly justifies the experiment, of at least their encouragement and increase. We are emboldened to express these sentiments because we are not alone in honestly entertaining them. The Grand Lodge of Virginia, through the chairman of its committee of correspondence, Brother F. W. Rosier, holds this language, as keeping step with Masonic teachings and traditions:

"Much difference of opinion prevails among the foreign correspondence committee of the various Grand Lodges. Some seem to think the original object for which they were instituted has been altogether lost sight of, and decline making any report whatever. Some present a report, which is not even read to the Grand Lodge in whose name it is written, and therefore can only be looked upon as the opinion of the committee, not that of the Grand Lodge. Some appear to allow themselves to be carried away by argument, until acrimony takes the place of brotherly kindness. A few seem to us to trench upon what is not proper to be written. And finally there are some, who, in a quiet and temperate manner review the proceedings of the various jurisdictions with whom they are in correspondence, pointing out what they consider worthy of notice, calmly arguing against what they conceive to be wrong, and adding strength

to what they believe to be in accordance with the true principles of Masonry. Your committee believe the last mentioned are productive of the best effects, inasmuch as they not only inform the Subordinate Lodges of what is going on in the other jurisdictions, but by observations upon mooted points, they may be the means of further consideration until the happy effect of uniform customs may be established. We would say a word or two upon what is called Masonic Literature, and allude more particularly to the newspapers which seem to be increasing to an alarming extent. We affirm without danger of contradiction, that we know of scarcely any that are not doing more harm than good to the institution. They print what never ought to be written—each in this respect endeavoring to outdo his neighbor—they vaunt the good deeds of the Fraternity, totally forgetting that one hand of a true Mason never knows what is done by the other. They discuss knotty points of law which only require common sense guided by Brotherly Love to adjudicate upon, and finally, the primary object with ninety-nine out of one hundred is individual emolument. Evil must result from this—good never."

Not desiring to be invidious or individual, we are satisfied with remarking in general terms, that some of our sister Grand Lodges appear to regard the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania as isolated, insular, and veiled in her character. That she is slow, singular, and self-conceited. That she does not overflow like a shallow vessel, with the little, which fills up the measure, void of solid contents. We regard all Grand Lodges, supreme and sovereign institutions. With their own interests, business, policy and measures, they are amenable only to their legitimately constituted authority. The landmarks of Masonry are the common property of the craft. The Mason, or the Masonic jurisdiction, which violates or destroys the least important particle in any one of the landmarks of Masonry, is a foe, the whole fraternity are more than interested in correcting and condemning. The landmarks, what are they? Let every Masonic intelligence answer as it is bound to answer, truthfully before the altar. No faltering or equivocation. The star which led the wise men to Bethlehem, was to them, not less important, than the landmarks to Masons. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania exerts her powers, and is ready and willing at all times to go out to the remotest verge, in defense of these lines and precepts of Masonic truth. More than this, to mitigate evils, to restore harmony, to sooth irritation, to aid or assist, to promote charity, to bind up the broken, to support the weak and strengthen those who are ready to perish, to honor the worthy, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania regards as duties, she is ever prompt and desirous to perform. She wishes however to do this not vauntingly, but with the single purpose of benefiting the institution of Masonry, if so be, it is in her power thereby to accomplish such result. This is what the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania believes to be keeping step with the steadfast attachment to Masonic rights, principles and duties. She seeks to be protected

from the influence of those allurements which would lead her into any new or untraveled road to Masonic usefulness. Surely this character is not objectionable. It ought not to be so. Is it not Masonic? Is it not fraternal? Can she not maintain it inviolate, without being obnoxious to flippant criticism? It is in derogation of no known Masonic principle. It has done no evil by example. It has produced no results prejudicial to Masonic interests anywhere. It has fostered no spirit of discord. It has not awakened the spirit of uncharitableness. It has cultivated no bitter spirit of detraction. It has not loosened the bonds of fellowship. Then in what has she offended? We are willing to believe that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania commands the love, respect and regard of her sister Grand Lodges. That her character and conduct are cordially cherished and approved by the Fraternity, where both have been investigated and understood. That her individualities, if they must be denominated by any term of designation, are but facial features which contrast eliminates. We would fain believe this, we do believe it, but at the same time are constrained to confess, that if less was written and more practiced of Masonic principles, the desire to give, to what is called Masonic literature, harmony in its periods and eloquence in its phrases, could not be so likely to introduce an unexpected strain, in the symphony of their echoes. We have thus, so far as the occasion demands, noticed in sincerity and frankness, and a full abiding in fraternal love, fellowship and friendship, those portions of the proceedings of our sister Grand Lodges, which we think thus required it. If we have expressed any words fitly spoken, we wish for them only the fruit which grows from seed sown in ground prepared for their reception. However unsatisfactory these opinions of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania may be regarded by others, they have been formed and acted on, after her fullest consideration, guided by those lights which in her jurisdiction have ever shone with a bright and steady blaze. As the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania does not expect that other jurisdictions will follow her example in that, which their opinions may reject, yet she does hope, believe and expect, that the respect she is ever ready to pay to them, for their policy, measure or conduct, will be accorded to her. To do unto others as ye would they should do unto you, is a precept of Masonic charity. The pride of opinion, or a desire to proselyte, is not found in ancient Masonry. On the contrary, Masonry teaches us to subdue and modify our feelings and sentiments by that compass, which describes a circle, embracing within its lines the actions, motives and views of the whole Fraternity. Masonic conduct never has permitted the choice of Lot. We cannot go either to the right hand or to the left, to seek satisfaction in separation. Divergence from this line of common agreement is schism, call it by what name is less objectionable or more euphonious. Schism is the soul of discord. Better, far better, to be slow, and sure, and steadfast, solid, and safe, in what is; than to seek to attain a doubtful, untenable, uncertain position,

though it be ever so brilliant. False lights have often never discovered their real character, till the wanderer has lost his ability to regain the road, he was thereby induced to leave. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, following in the fullness of her faith these time-honored and time-sanctioned sentiments, has been unable to discover the great advantages of Masonic Congresses, United States Grand Lodges, or any other like novelty, which might impair the attachment of the craft to their immediate jurisdictions, introduce a spirit of change, or foster a spirit for ostentatious display. Centralization, in Masonry, may be injurious to its independent sovereign jurisdictions. The tendency of concentrating power, is encroachment, and constant encroachments weaken the power of resistance. It may be that no such results would follow the organization of these institutions. But that caution which pervades all the action of the craft, from the south to the east, that caution which is a jewel of the order, that caution which holds its finger to the lips, as statue like, it stands a sentinel at our portals, intimates in its whispers of love: be steadfast, always abiding. It tells us in the same quiet tones of good counsel, be not over zealous of great works. Better contentment with a little than dissatisfaction with more. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has heeded these words of wisdom. She has censured none for their difference in policy or proceedings. She has upbraided none for embracing other views of these subjects, far from it. She wishes them satisfaction and success in all their undertakings, which are engaged in, or instituted with the pure spirit of advantage to the Order. All that she proposes by the expression of these views, is, to indicate that she is of mature Masonic age, and has a reason for the hope that is in her. It will be easily perceived by the Masonic mind, that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, entertaining as she does these opinions, has refrained from rashly or inconsiderately or hastily arriving at conclusions as to the differences or difficulties which have arisen in other jurisdictions. She has always acted, only on the convictions of right, which her Masonic conscience has set up and sanctioned. She believes, most respectfully, it would have been better for the craft, if more moderation and less haste, had marked the action of her sister Grand Lodges, in some instances. Whatever else might have been the result, less regret and more harmony might have existed, if Grand Lodge jurisdictions were regarded as competent to manage their own business and settle on the solid basis of Masonic truth, differences which agitation has perhaps inflated into divisions. Mediation is a Masonic principle. It is a twin sentiment with brotherly love. The peacemaker may be repulsed, but his mission is sacred. He carries a flag of truce, which panoplies its possessor from envy, hatred, malice or uncharitableness. Hostilities may not be ended by its offers of arbitration, but when rejected, it leaves to the victors often a sentiment of sorrow, which dims the brilliancy of victory. It is a last resort of mercy, pleading for a cause, common

to enemies, allies and friends. The objects of mediation, however laudable, are not free from exception, and if they are deemed officious, increased strength is given to the opinion the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has thus endeavored to elucidate. She has been led to this course, in a hope that her position will no longer be characterized as unsustained by reflection or a love for Masonic integrity. Your Committee are not prepared at this time to suggest what course should be adopted in regard to the differences which exist, or have lately existed in Canada. The subject is worthy of careful consideration. Your Committee are not in possession of all the reports of the official proceedings on this subject, by the craft in Canada. As far as we are advised, it appears, in that Province for years past, there were Local Lodges, owing allegiance to the Grand Lodges of Ireland, England and Scotland, that for reasons which are not satisfactory, viewed in a Masonic light, many of these Lodges surrendered their Charters, and hence the members being subject to no local jurisdiction, and having thrown off their allegiance to the Grand Lodge which gave vitality to the Local Lodges; formed a Convention of Masons and established a Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge so constituted, united with other Masonic bodies, and now claim to be a regularly constituted Grand Lodge, asking recognition from the Masonic world. By a circular letter signed by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, and the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, they say that the "terms of union and reconciliation" between "the Grand Lodge of Canada" and the "Ancient Grand Lodge" would be proposed at Toronto, July 14 and 17, 1858; that they were present at the time and place; that "for eighteen months prior to the period alluded to, propositions of union had passed between the antagonistic bodies in Canada;" and that a union was effected, and the details of the settlement will be sent by the Grand Secretary of the now united Grand Lodge of Canada. What these details may be we are yet ignorant. But we must think that the history of the transaction as far as we are advised, does not show a very clear Masonic record. There can be no revolutionary principle recognized as a Masonic principle, and we fear much that has been done, is more revolutionary than Masonic. We are at a loss to understand why the Grand Officers who address us this circular have undertaken to stand sponsors for this action of the two antagonistic bodies, without showing that the proceedings antecedent to this "union," and the Union Banquet, were in strict accordance with Masonic usage and principle. We have great respect for both the brothers who sign this circular, but their opinions have no weight on so grave a Masonic question, since they fail to either recite, or sustain, the prior proceedings to the act of union. Have the Grand Lodges of Ireland, England, and Scotland, each of which claimed jurisdiction within the confines of the jurisdiction of this new Grand Lodge of Canada, acknowledged it, or withdrawn their claim of jurisdiction, or done any act which

puts the proceedings of the craft within the spirit of Masonic right? To surrender warrants granted by an existing jurisdiction, and while such jurisdiction was *de jure* and *de facto* a Masonic jurisdiction, set up a new Masonic supreme authority, by the act of the members of lodges whose warrants were thus voluntarily surrendered, is not understood as Masonic by your committee. We do not intend to discuss the subject further at this time, in the absence of fuller information; nor to express any opinion now, on the merits of the case as we understand it. Your committee have only thus remarked at this time, in order to base thereon the opinion, that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania cannot now take further action on the subject. The difficulties which have existed in regard to the acknowledgment of the rightful Masonic authority in New York, have received the most anxious, careful and painstaking examination of your Committee. To decide on the abstract questions, without the intrusion of feeling, or pride of opinion, is somewhat difficult. The agitation of the question has excited a belief, that there is some vital difference between the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the New York Masonic authority. It has always been a foundation for sincere regret, to all true members of the Masonic Brotherhood, when difficulties or disagreements have broken the current of Masonic communication, either between individual members, or representative bodies of the Order. It is thought there can be but few causes producing this effect, that are not within the power of Charity, aided by Hope, to remove or reconcile. The universality and purity of our principles and precepts, must necessarily produce harmony, where they are free to combat, efforts for factious opposition, or created by impressions, in which prejudice has been fostered, without candid investigation; or differences however honestly originating, but which have never been subjected to the soothing influences of truthful and frank explanation. It is cause for congratulation, that these differences or disagreements can only exist within the confines of our Institution, on subjects of little comparative importance. The foundations of Masonry, its cardinal principles, and immemorial rights, and usages, permit no innovations with impunity. Opposition to them is treason, and such differences cannot be treated with toleration. Regarding these opinions as squared by the primary test of all Masonic teachings your Committee have fully considered the whole subject of the difficulties which have existed between the Grand Lodge of New York and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Nowhere in this investigation can they discover, either latent or patent, any action, conduct or cause, originating in the erroneous application of any organic principle of Masonry, or in any interpolation of Masonic usages. The misunderstanding between the Grand Lodge of New York and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania arises chiefly out of the want of a full understanding of the motives which governed, and the policy which prompted the course of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania towards the Masonic jurisdiction of New

York and a misconception of what has been designated by the Grand Lodge of New York, as the solemn decision of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania against the fraternity of that Grand Lodge. The just appreciation of their real character, which a clear explanation at the time could have produced, would ere this have resulted in a prompt and friendly adjustment, of the only obstacle which intervenes to postpone cordial and full fraternization of the members and respective bodies, of both these important Masonic jurisdictions. Your Committee on full consideration have deemed it unadvisable, in the present condition of the Masonic relations between the fraternities in New York and Pennsylvania, to avoid as unnecessary, any recapitulation of the origin and progress of these differences. The policy of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in her relations to the Masonic family in New York, has been fully vindicated by the recent action in that Masonic jurisdiction. In the proceedings your Committee now propose to report, while they exhibit the highest evidence of charity and brotherly love, serve at the same time to add to that dignity of Masonic character, which the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has at no time in its history, lost sight of, or surrendered. It is known that for some time there existed in New York, three bodies claiming to be the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. With the causes which originated these three bodies we have no concern. Enough that they so existed. Such a condition of affairs was unmasonic, in violation of the principles of all good, and especially sound Masonic government. The last controversy which divided that fraternity into two bodies, respectively acting as Grand Lodges, was one of a character individual to that jurisdiction. It concerned no other Masonic authority than that of New York. The domestic policy of any Masonic jurisdiction, belongs exclusively to that jurisdiction to discuss and decide. If differences are magnified unto divisions, it is permissible to a friendly spirit, a sound Masonic spirit, to offer the aid of mediation to adjust these difficulties or harmonize these divisions. Or, any other Masonic jurisdiction may decide which contestants are in its opinion, right or wrong. Pennsylvania regarding with sorrow the troubles among the craft in New York, thought it best to wait, in the hope that the true spirit of Masonic love and charity would accommodate these divisions by their powerful influences. At no time during this controversy did Pennsylvania determine or decide on any question involved. Cautious and calm, and self-poised on her appreciation of Masonic right, she stood still, while other sister Grand Lodges hastened into their decision of the issue. At a proper period, as Pennsylvania believed, she offered her mediation. This was not accepted by both bodies. By one, a conditional acceptance was made; by the other, the mediation was refused. Pennsylvania felt that it was the right of either body to refuse or accept the mediation. It was a question properly belonging exclusively to the craft in New York to decide. But at the same time Pennsylvania did not consider the

refusal to accept the offer of a friendly, kind, and truly Masonic gage of Masonic fraternity, as reciprocating the kindly spirit which alone prompted its tender. Thus the two jurisdictions remained. Before the final result of the action of both the bodies, as to this offer, was known, it seems from Masonic information in possession of your committee, that a brother from New York asked admission at a Subordinate Lodge in Philadelphia. At the time this admission was asked, Brother J. K. Mitchell, then Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master was a visitor in the Lodge. Before the Lodge acted on the application, Brother Mitchell rose and said in substance, that as certain difficulties existed in the State of New York among the Masonic fraternity, which the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania had not yet decided upon, he thought it would be safest not to decide such question by the admission of the applicant. This no doubt, referred to the fact that mediation had been offered and not then finally answered. The Lodge acquiesced in this suggestion. The brethren in New York having heard that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania had refused to admit visiting brethren from New York, passed an act of interdiction against the Pennsylvania fraternity. This interdict was based on the individual, and unless as individual, unauthoritative expression of the views of the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania never officially pronounced such an opinion, or any opinion on the subject. It was thought and believed by the craft in New York, that this expression of the views of Brother Mitchell, was the act of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and hence the origin of this unfortunate interdict. So soon as proper information reached some of the members of the Grand Lodge of New York, as to the exact force and value of Brother Mitchell's action and a proper opportunity arriving, Right Worshipful Grand Master Lewis, at the Grand Annual Communication, held in New York, June 1st, 1858, in his address, remarked:—"It were better to be seven times wronged than once to do wrong, and our jurisdiction does not need that its every movement should be treated with that cautious respect which a struggle to maintain a sovereign position has a tendency to produce. It is precisely in this spirit that I again earnestly and respectfully invite your attention to our relations with the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania and Canada. If misled by the shrouded mystery in which the former veils her executive and legislative action we have been led into error and induced to take harsh action, it is both manly and magnanimous to retrace our steps and not condemn a great fraternal band for the acts of an officer, and which may of itself have been misconstrued or misunderstood." We have no need now to notice the fact that "shrouded mystery," which we would believe is here used as synonymous with caution, sometimes saves even Grand Lodges from "error" and "harsh action" results of Masonic legislation, which do not appear well even in the fullness of Masonic confession. This first step at retracing the error, and in moderating the effect of the harsh action,

which Right Worshipful Grand Master Lewis so manly and magnanimously took, was followed by the removal of so much of this interdict, as allowed official correspondence between the Grand Lodge of New York and that of Pennsylvania. Your committee cannot so well make the further proceedings explicit, as by here inserting the correspondence which took place, as part of this report. All that has been written is hereinafter set out.

PORT BYRON, N. Y., September 16, 1858.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—A copy of your report on Foreign Correspondence which was presented to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on the 21st of December last, and which you kindly forwarded with your respects to the Grand Master of New York, has been placed in my hands by him with the expressed desire that I should return you his acknowledgments for its transmission. I have read over those parts of it which refer to New York with much care and pleasurable interest, and am happy to discover in them the evidence of your appreciation of the unpleasant relations which, for some time past, have subsisted between the two jurisdictions. With the spirit of true Masonry by which I am assured you were prompted, you indulge the "hope that the time is not far distant when all dissensions ceasing, peace and harmony and brotherly love will be restored to the entire jurisdiction of New York, and our own (your) feelings, motives and wishes better understood and appreciated." In another place in your report you very properly improved the opportunity to correct what you supposed to be an error, though unintentional on the part of the Grand Master of New York, in stating that Pennsylvania had "forbidden her subordinates from having communication with us;" your correction is, that "no such order has ever been given by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania." I am glad to receive this denial from so reliable a source. Taken in connection with the language above copied, it has prompted myself and some of my associate Grand Officers, to unite in a request to the Grand Master of New York, so far to modify or revoke the edict of non-intercourse with the *Masons* of Pennsylvania, issued by him as to permit the holding of Masonic correspondence. He has kindly granted our petition, though the resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge suspending "Masonic intercourse between that Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of New York," and forbidding "the visitation of Masons hailing from that State *until such recognition shall take place*," remains unaffected, unless recent action in Pennsylvania has terminated its duration as an effective ordinance. You will bear in mind that the resolution of the Grand Lodge of New York was to continue in force only until, and becomes inoperative the moment when, "the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania shall recognize this Grand Lodge, and accord to and treat her members and constituents with the respect and fraternal courtesy due to all Masons and Masonic bodies." I am happy to find in the language of your report, believing that it speaks the views of the Grand Lodge, the evi-

dence of a disposition on the part of that illustrious body, to comply to a certain degree with these just requirements; am I not disinclined to believe, but on the other hand could indulge the fervent hope, to use the sentiment of your own language, that "a better understanding and appreciation of the feelings, motives and wishes" of Pennsylvania might remove *nearly all** the essential obstacles to an entire restoration of the former fraternal and happy relations between these great and powerful jurisdictions. It is with this view that, as an humble individual of our fraternity, I readily indulge the belief that you will appreciate and reciprocate the sincerity with which I express the hope that you will, at your early convenience, favor me with an indication of what these "feelings, motives and wishes" are, on the part of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and what action, if any, has lately been taken thereby or by your Grand Officers in respect to the Grand Lodge of, or Masonry in, New York? It may not be improper for me to mention that all differences among the fraternity of this State, growing out of the amendment of our Grand Lodge Constitution in 1849, have been honorably and I believe satisfactorily adjusted. There is much ground to believe that you were not far removed from a Prophet in expressing the opinion that the time was not far distant when peace and harmony would be restored to the entire jurisdiction of New York.

With considerations of high regard, I am fraternally yours,

FINDLAY M. KING.

L. H. Scott, Esq., Philadelphia, Pa.

BRISTOL, PA., September 24, 1858.

Findlay M. King, Esq.,

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I have the pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your kind fraternal communication of the 16th inst., which would have received earlier attention but for a short absence on Lodge duty, from which I only returned late on last evening. I am much gratified that you approve the sentiments contained in my recent report to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. They are only the sentiments that have been shared alike by officers and members of our Grand Lodge from the very origin of the unfortunate difficulties in your jurisdiction; and our brethren of New York never committed a greater error than in the supposition that any other feeling existed among us. Your troubles have always been the subject of deep regret among Masons of all classes here, and no State in the Union more heartily rejoices that—in the language of your letter—"all differences among the fraternity of New York, growing out of the amendment of your Grand Lodge Constitution in 1849, have been honorably and satisfactorily adjusted." Those difficulties now happily removed, it seems to me that very little remains to be done, to fully restore the ancient fra-

* I use these words "*nearly all*," because I cannot flatter myself with the hope that any explanation will obviate the want of an unequivocal recognition. F. M. K.

ternal relations of our respective jurisdictions—and my dear Sir and Brother, you will pardon me for suggesting that that little still remaining to be done, *wholly belongs to the Grand Lodge of New York.* The reasons assigned by the Grand Master of New York in his address in June, 1857, why all Masonic intercourse should cease between the two jurisdictions was, that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania had forbidden her subordinates from having communication with the Masons of New York. This has been shown to be an error, and yielding to your request, Most Worthy Sir, and your associate grand officers, the Grand Master has "so far modified or revoked the edict of non-intercourse with the *Masons* of Pennsylvania, issued by him, as to permit the holding of Masonic correspondence." You state however that the "resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge, suspending Masonic intercourse, between the Grand Lodge of New York and that of Pennsylvania, remains unaffected;" now if the edict of non-intercourse issued by the Grand Master, originated in a misapprehension of the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania—had not the *resolution*, passed by the Grand Lodge, the same origin? And if the Grand Master was satisfied that he had been misinformed in regard to what had been done by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and yielding to the wishes of his grand officers, thought it but an act of justice to revoke the edict—may we not hope that the same reasons will be equally operative in regard to the refusal of the resolution? It seems to me then 1st. That no action is necessary or can be expected on the part of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania until the edict of non-intercourse between the two Grand Lodges shall be removed. 2d. That the difficulties among the Masonic fraternity of New York having been all settled and disposed of, the only remaining barrier to a full and complete restoration of Masonic relations between the two jurisdictions, is the resolution of non-intercourse, passed by the Grand Lodge of New York. Let that be repealed, and I trust the fraternity of New York will soon find themselves hailed as friends and brothers throughout the entire Masonic jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.

With high regard and respect, I am truly and fraternally yours,

L. H. Scott.

Port Byron, N. Y., September 29, 1858.

My Dear Sir and Brother:—I avail myself of this early moment to acknowledge the receipt of your fraternal favor of the 24th inst., in order to make some inquiries before proceeding to enlarge upon some of the points which are therein suggested. From the tenor of my former letter you doubtless observed that it was prompted by the fraternal spirit and statements in your report, and that my object in opening the correspondence was to compare opinions with the view to the entire adjustment of the differences between the two States. If it is your opinion that there is but one side to the questions involved—that New York is alone responsible for the alienation of feel-

ing between the two jurisdictions, and that no facts, however well authenticated, could remove or change this opinion the prospects of an adjustment would not be improved by our continuing the correspondence. I beg, therefore, to inquire, if it should be shown to you that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania or any of its officers have interdicted communication with the Masons of New York, or directed their exclusion from, or non-admission to, the Lodges of your State, whether your opinion would still remain the same as expressed in your letter, that "no action is necessary or can be expected on the part of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania until the edict of non-intercourse between the two Grand Lodges be removed!" Permit me further to inquire, if it should be ascertained that any high Masonic authority in Pennsylvania had done these acts, whether you would not esteem it the duty of the Grand Lodge of that State to discard and repudiate the acts, and to pass a resolution recognizing the Grand Lodge of New York? If so, would you not feel it a duty as well as a pleasure yourself to report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, resolutions to this effect and recommend their adoption? Indulging the hope that you will favor me with a reply to these questions at your early convenience, I remain, with much esteem, very truly and fraternally yours,

FINDLAY M. KING.

L. H. Scott, Esq., Bristol, Pa.

BRISTOL, 11th October, 1858.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—On my return on Saturday last, after a week's sojourn in New York, I had the pleasure to find your fraternal favor of 29th ult., and avail myself of the earliest moment to reply. And in the first place I will do here what I perhaps should have done in my former letter, *i. e.* define my present position in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. I am not now a member of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence; I resigned that situation on receiving at the hands of our late lamented Grand Master Dr. J. K. Mitchell the appointment of District Deputy Grand Master in December last. I have thought this explanation due to you inasmuch as I had so recently sent a copy of the Committee's report to the Grand Master of New York with my respects as the author. That report, however, was made by the Committee to the Grand Lodge at their quarterly communication in December last, but not published until a few days prior to my sending the copy to the Grand Master; after this frank avowal of my position in the Grand Lodge, which in power and influence is only that of a private member—it is at your own option, whether to favor me by the continuance of this correspondence, or whether in your opinion the object we both have so much at heart, viz.: the restoration of fraternal relations between the two States may not be more speedily attained by directing your communications to the present Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Brother R. Vaux, ex-Mayor of Philadelphia. If you prefer

this course I will with pleasure furnish him a copy of the correspondence as far as it has gone, or to either of the Grand Officers at your election. With respects, &c.

L. H. Scott.

Findlay M. King, Esq., Port Byron, New York.

Port Byron, Cayuga Co., New York, October 16, 1858.

My Dear Sir and Brother:—Your kind and fraternal favor of the 11th inst., awaited my return yesterday from several days absence at Court, and avail the earliest moment to reply to it. You kindly and not improperly submit, "whether in your (my) opinion the object we both have so much at heart, viz.: the restoration of fraternal relations between the two States, may not be more speedily attained by directing your (my) communications to the present Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Brother Richard Vaux, ex-Mayor of Philadelphia." While I am much inclined to believe that the high opinion entertained of, and the confidence reposed in you by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, would go very far to insure the sanction of whatever measure you might think proper to indicate to that body in order to effect the object mentioned, I am not entirely sure that a *present* official position of my correspondent would not better enable him to effectuate this object; and in this view I accede to your suggestion of transferring the correspondence on your part to the present Chairman of that Committee, and you have my entire consent to hand over to him the whole correspondence between us, with the fraternal request that he will, at his early convenience, reply to the propositions submitted in my letter to you of the 29th ultimo. I supposed you were at the head of that Committee when the correspondence was opened; but I do not regret the mistake.

With assurances of high regard, I remain very truly and Fraternally yours,

Findlay M. King.

L. H. Scott, Esq., Bristol, Pa.

Bristol, October 21st, 1858.

Peter Williamson, Esq.

My Dear Sir and Brother:—I received this morning from Findlay M. King, Esq., a reply to my last letter. He accedes to my suggestion and request that the correspondence be handed over to the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, *where it really belongs.* I have enclosed the letter to Brother Vaux and referred him to you for copies of the two former letters with my replies. I hope he will attend to this correspondence thus opened by New York. If the Committee let it go by default, or make any mistake in the matter, I fear we shall lose the vantage ground we now oc-

cupy. In all probability before this question is finally disposed of—this whole correspondence will be published, and distributed among the Grand Lodges of the Union, and I am particularly anxious that New York shall not have the power to place us in the wrong. The whole subject will need your constant supervision and care.

Ever most truly and fraternally yours,

L. H. SCOTT.

BRISTOL, 21 October, 1858.

Richard Vaux, Esq.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I enclose you herewith the third in a series of letters from Findlay M. King, Esq., Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and as I am informed, Senior Grand Warden in the Grand Lodge of New York. The two former are dated respectively the 16th and 29th ultimo, and are in the hands of Past Grand Master Williamson, who also holds copies of my replies. These will place you in possession of the correspondence thus far, and as I regard it a most important question, I am glad thus to place it in more able hands. I write Brother Williamson by to-day's mail requesting him to furnish you the letters alluded to above.

With high regard I am very truly and fraternally yours,

L. H. SCOTT.

PHILADELPHIA, November 8, 1858.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—The correspondence between yourself and Bro. L. H. Scott has been handed to me, as his successor on the Committee of the G. L. of Pennsylvania. I have carefully read this correspondence. Before making any remark on the subject matter, I desire frankly and sincerely to express my entire and full accordance with the spirit which you and Bro. Scott have manifested, in your respective communications. The differences which have existed between the Grand Lodges of New York and Pennsylvania are most unfortunate. That any such should exist, that the union and harmony of Masonic relations should be interrupted or broken, is an abnegation of the very spirit and teachings of our noble and time-hallowed institution. That charity which suffereth long, and endureth all things for the preservation and integrity of its character, cannot but fail in efforts to exert its proper influence on individual brethren, when the representative bodies of the craft are slow to recognize its benign and conciliatory power. Dear Sir and Brother, I feel, from the perusal of your correspondence, that these sentiments will find a ready response in your Masonic heart, and mind. United then, I sincerely trust and believe, in the true spirit of Masonry, as we both are, the respective duties which are assigned to us, will be most satisfactorily performed. I shall be in the city of New York on Thursday night next, (November 11,) at the Metro-

politan Hotel, and if you have business in the city at that time, it would give me great pleasure to make your acquaintance, when we can freely converse on the questions which the correspondence alluded to involves.

This occasion is taken to offer you the assurance of the sincere regard, with which I am fraternally and truly yours,

RICHARD VAUX.

To Bro. Findlay M. King, &c., &c., &c.,
Port Byron, Cayuga Co., New York.

PORT BYRON, N. Y., November 16, 1858.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I now improve a few moments of exemption from professional engagements, to fulfill the promise made in my note to you at the Metropolitan Hotel, of the 10th inst., to answer a little more at length your letter of the 8th. I cannot overlook the force and truthfulness of your remarks, that "the differences which have existed between the Grand Lodges of New York and Pennsylvania are most unfortunate." While the Grand Lodges themselves have added but little to their reputations among the Masonic sovereignties of the Union, their constituent members have suffered many inconveniences, and been subjected to many unfraternal indignities and rebuffs, involving, as appropriately stated by you, almost an entire "abnegation of the very spirit and teachings of our noble and time-honored institution." You have not misconceived the motives which have influenced me in this correspondence, in expressing your belief in my entire concurrence in the proposition you have made, and which, in my estimation, may be regarded as almost an axiom in our creed, that "*that* charity which suffereth long, and endureth all things for the preservation and integrity of its character, cannot but fail in efforts to exert its proper influence on individual brethren, when representative bodies of the craft are slow to recognize its benign and conciliatory power." My ideas of the office which this attribute of our fraternity should exercise, in directing and moderating the policy of governing Masonic bodies, have, at times, nearly persuaded me to believe that it should be as thoroughly engrafted into that policy, as in the acts and relations of individual brethren; but your own extended observation has proven to you that this is rarely, if ever, a distinguishing characteristic of their movements. You will, however, pardon the vanity which induces the expression of my belief, that if, considering its wealth, its immense constituency of over thirty thousand Masons, and its position before the Masonic world, there is one Grand Lodge, more than any other, whose acts and policy have been blended with the genial influences of this hallowed attribute, it is the Grand Lodge of New York. It may not, and probably does not, stand alone in the application of this principle to its general policy. If, while acting

in our private capacity as members of the brotherhood, we shall, ourselves, so far apply the principle as to agree upon a basis which shall be employed to the restoration of amity, friendship and fraternity between the two jurisdictions, we shall have done something to prove its character and value among Masons. Let me now recur to the subjects directly involved in our correspondence; and, lest we may overlook the present *status* of this correspondence, permit me very briefly to call your attention to it. My letter to Brother Scott, of the 16th September, which was written as a response to the fraternal suggestions in his report, expressed the hope that he would, at his early convenience, favor me with an indication of what the "feelings, motives and wishes" of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania were, in respect to the Grand Lodge of New York; and what action, if any, had been taken by the former body, or by any of its officers, affecting the Grand Lodge of, or Masonry in, New York? His reply, of the 24th of the same month, was quite explicit on two that I had not particularly enquired about!—concluding with the statements:

"1st. That no action is necessary, or can be expected, on the part of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, until the edict of non-intercourse between the two Grand Lodges shall be removed.

"2d. That the difficulties among the Masonic fraternity of New York having been all settled and disposed of, the only remaining barrier to a full and complete restoration of Masonic relations between the two jurisdictions, is the resolution of non-intercourse, passed by the Grand Lodge of New York. Let that be repealed, and I trust the fraternity of New York will soon find themselves hailed as friends and brothers throughout the entire Masonic jurisdiction of Pennsylvania."

I had previously stated, in my letter of September 16th, that the resolution of non-intercourse would become inoperative "the moment when the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania shall recognize this Grand Lodge, and accord to and treat her members and constituents with the respect and fraternal courtesy due to all Masons and Masonic bodies," and it seemed to me, in the exercise of that attribute of Masonry of which you have so beautifully spoken, that the correspondence should not be thus so summarily closed, as rather appeared to be Brother Scott's design, from the language above quoted, and I addressed him again, September 29th, intimating the possibility of there being two sides to the questions involved, and enquiring, if it should be shown that Pennsylvania, or any of her officers, had interdicted communication with the Masons of New York, whether his opinion would still remain the same, and whether, in such case, he would not conceive it to be the duty of Pennsylvania to repudiate these acts, and recognize the Grand Lodge of New York? To these questions he replied, October 11th, by asking my consent to transfer the correspondence on his part to yourself, to which I freely assented, October 16th, with the fraternal request

that you would, "at his (your) early convenience, reply to the propositions submitted in my letter * * * of the 29th ultimo." I am now favored with your own friendly and fraternal communication of the 8th inst., proposing a personal interview, and expressing your "entire and full accordance with the spirit" which Brother Scott and myself have manifested in our respective communications. While all these communications have been received with unfeigned pleasure, and fraternally answered, it would have avoided the expression of a wish—which you will pardon me for again indulging—that you will answer more fully the fraternal enquiries propounded in my letters of September 16th and 29th. That these requests were not unreasonable, I think you will admit, when it is considered that the Grand Lodge of New York, with her officers and constituents, have not only been almost entirely ignored for the past nine years by the officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and by her committees, but have each, in their turn, been the objects of evident dislike or indignity. Pardon me, I pray you, for submitting to you whether, if, under such circumstances, the illustrious body of which you are a member would not substantially *ignore*, rather than "recognize, the benign and conciliatory power of charity," if it were longer to hesitate in repudiating those acts, and in explicitly recognizing her sister body in New York, which has thus been wronged? If you agree with me in the *general* application of the principle you have so happily avowed, and will make it efficacious in the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania toward New York, as above indicated, we shall not long have to deplore the alienation of feeling between the two jurisdictions. Indulging the hope that we may view and apply the principle alike, I improve the occasion to renew the assurance of high consideration and sincere regard with which I subscribe myself, Fraternally yours,

FINDLAY M. KING.

Hon. Richard Vaux, Philadelphia, Pa.

PHILADELPHIA, November 22, 1858.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Your fraternal letter of the 16th of November was this morning received. It was my wish to have had an opportunity to make your personal acquaintance, and have some friendly converse with you, that induced me to hope that you could be in New York last week. In this I was disappointed; and there, and now to-day, am in the receipt of your two communications in reply to mine of the 8th. I am rejoiced to state that communications between the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York and the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania, have taken place since the 15th of November. Without retrogression, let me reply to the suggestions contained in your last letter. I am not aware that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania ever "interdicted communication

with the Masons of New York." I can find no such official, or authoritative action on the records of the Grand Lodge. I am not aware of any semi, or quasi official, or authoritative interdict ever having been made in this jurisdiction. It was one of the bodies claiming to act as a Grand Lodge of New York, which, as I most respectfully think, in a mistaken view of an individual, and, except as an individual, an irresponsible expression of an opinion, issued such an interdict as against the Masonic fraternity of Pennsylvania. As far as I have been able to ascertain the facts, it appears, that in a subordinate Lodge, admission was asked by a Mason hailing from New York. The Master of the Lodge hesitated in granting admission, when Brother J. K. Mitchell, then Deputy Grand Master, who was, as a visitor, present, rose and remarked in substance that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania had offered her mediation to the brethren in New York, that the offer had not been finally acted upon, and, until it had been done, it would be best that the Lodge should not take upon itself the decision of any question the mediation involved. Out of this remark grew the interdict on the part of New York. After that interdict, Brother Mitchell, when Right Worshipful Grand Master, thought that the Pennsylvania jurisdiction could not admit visiting brethren from New York, because such an act would be countenancing a violation, by the members of this New York jurisdiction, of an order which was intended to bind them and regulate their Masonic conduct, and hence it would be disrespectful to the authority enacting it. He never expressed this view, however, except as an individual opinion. The interdict of the Grand Lodge of New York grew out of a want of correct understanding of the facts, as I believe are here correctly given. The mistake, unfortunate as it was, by no means tended to cultivate that spirit of charity which you fully agree with me is a cardinal Masonic virtue. That this interdict of the New York authority was too hastily taken, appears from the rescinding of so much of it, as relates to correspondence with Pennsylvania. It was an evidence of magnanimity and a high appreciation of Masonic teachings, which caused Right Worshipful Grand Master Lewis to advance to a position for a mutual understanding. We have arrived now at that point, as I sincerely trust and believe. In what manner has Pennsylvania acted, which has been unkind, or how has she given evidence of her "evident dislike or indignity" to the "Grand Lodge of New York, her committees and constituents?" In her office of mediator between what has since been authoritatively and formally designated, by all the members of the Masonic fraternity in New York, "as the two bodies respectively acting as Grand Lodges of the State of New York," did the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania show either "evident dislike or indignity?" Were not love, and kindness, and good neighborhood, and Masonic friendship, the motives which induced such an offer, which alone could be prompted by such influences? If Pennsylvania was nine years silent as to the right or wrong of the New York

difficulties, the brotherhood in New York have now only just agreed among themselves that but one rightful Grand Lodge exists in New York. Could Pennsylvania do more, or better, than wait till New York Masons settled which of the two bodies respectively acting as the Grand Lodge of New York, was the rightful and legitimate authority? Because a compromise has been made "and an act of union consummated" between these "two bodies respectively acting as Grand Lodges," it is not cause for cavil at Pennsylvania that she did not anticipate such compromise and union. Her not acting, was no just ground for resting the charge of either "evident dislike" or "indignity" towards the New York fraternity. All the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has done, were acts of kindness and brotherly love towards the New York jurisdiction and its constituents. If her policy of caution and safety required her to be slow in deciding a Masonic question, important to New York or Masonry everywhere, surely the not deciding the question shows no "evident dislike" and offers no "indignity" to either of the contestants. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in not deciding for either of these "respective bodies," decided against neither. Neutrality is not an "indignity." It is no token of "evident dislike." On the contrary, it is the position of a friend, who looks on the difficulties between brethren, in sorrow, not in anger. It shows such were her feelings. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania offered to be a 'peacemaker; she held the flag of truce over the controversy and asked to interpose the ministration of love and charity. It was not accepted. We will not say that it ought to have been, or that any discourtesy would have been conveyed by declining it. The fraternity in New York best understood their own interests, and the judgment not to accept this mediation, was sufficient and conclusive. But was the offer of mediation treated in that "spirit of charity and brotherly love" which, you agree with me, is so vital an element in true Masonic character? We think not. We think the refusal indicated either an "indignity" to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, or an "evident dislike" of her interposition. I refer only to these points to show that there is a "possibility of there being two sides to the question involved;" and having, as I think, shown that the question has this side, I leave the things that are behind, to remark in passing, that the "wealth," immense constituency of over thirty thousand Masons, and their "position before the Masonic world," which, as you remark, characterize the Grand Lodge of New York, are gratifying to the craft everywhere. But, my dear sir and brother, these do not give immunity from error. On the contrary, do they not sometimes rather encircle their possessors with the idea of infallibility, and thus somewhat check the influence of charity, which is the accompaniment of meekness and gentleness? Wealth and numbers are the constituency of power, power sometimes exercises mercy, because it is power, but charity is frequently a stranger within its palaces. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania seeks to do right, to do no evil, to promote the true

interests of true Masonry, kindness, and charity, and brotherly love, and to do this with caution and moderation, to maintain the ancient landmarks, and her own self-respect. If this policy begets wealth, an immense constituency, and a proper position before the Masonic world, she gathers these fruits into her garner, against the days of need, when the craft may look up to her for the benefits she thus has in store for them. I have shown a difference among the fraternity in New York, and that to the "two bodies respectively acting as Grand Lodge," for years past, Pennsylvania offered her mediation which was refused; and that no authoritative or official interdict by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was ever made or uttered against the New York fraternity. But that an interdict on the part of New York was made and published against the fraternity in Pennsylvania, and that the Right Worshipful Grand Master of New York rescinded so much of said interdict as to allow correspondence, and correspondence is now existing between the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of New York and the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Can I not now, with some confidence, in at least a strong Masonic claim upon your candor, ask you what the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of New York will think the next step, which that cardinal Masonic virtue, charity, should suggest to be made, towards the final, prompt and Masonic removal of the remnant of the obstacles which prevent cordial fraternization of the craft in both jurisdictions. Would not the question be pertinent, why does the Right Worthy Grand Master Lewis abstain from revoking the remainder of an interdict, originating in a misunderstanding of the basis on which it was made? It is a principle of law, and why not Masonic law, if that is a rule of Masonic conduct, that "*falsus in uno falsus in omnibus.*" If this interdict was made on a false impression, and part of it is rescinded, on what does the remainder rely for its existence? Is the magnanimity, and frankness, and high elevation of character which prompted the withdrawal of a part of this interdict, satisfied with a part only? I trust Right Worshipful Grand Master Lewis will not look back, now that he has taken hold of the plow which can root up, and root out, the rest of an obstacle which keeps kindred hearts, minds, affections, hands and voices asunder. The craft in Pennsylvania are anxious for a union of fraternal relations. There will be great joy and rejoicing when it is accomplished. We are waiting till you unfasten the last bolt which you have put on your Masonic portals, to keep us out from the fullness of unrestricted commingling together, in your temple and at our sanctuaries. Charity stands with the white flag of forgetfulness of the past. Will you not remove that on which your last lines of interdiction are written, and place in its stead one, thus inscribed: Come brothers of an ancient faith, let us unite in friendship and fellowship as in the olden times, not looking for the grave of past differences, but rejoicing that Masonic charity triumphs over even Masonic casuistry? I have answered, I think, your very fraternal and most acceptable letter. I

feel that the current of Masonic communication is beginning again to flow, and I sincerely hope that nothing will interrupt it, till it goes from the hands to the hearts of every brother in your Grand Lodge and that of Pennsylvania. If we are the instruments, it will be to our sincere satisfaction, and may it prove to the lasting bonds of Masonic love and friendship between all true Masons in Pennsylvania and in New York, and the Grand Lodges of both the great States and Masonic jurisdictions of our Union. Dear sir and brother, this letter was written on the day of the receipt of yours of the 16th November; a sudden illness has confined me to my room; and I now invoke my daughter's pen, that you may receive it at an earlier day, than if dependent on my convalescence.

With feelings of sincere regard and esteem, I am, d'r sir and brother, Fraternally yours,

RICHARD VAUX.

(Copy.)

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Herewith I hand you "a duplicate copy of the transactions of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York for 1858, and also a copy of the circular of the Grand Master, addressed to the Grand Lodges of the World and the Subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction, duly authenticated by the seal of the Grand Lodge and the signature of the Grand Secretary," which the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, yesterday, handed to me, at my request, "*to transmit to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania.*"

Very truly and fraternally,

RICHARD VAUX, *Chairman Com. of Cor.*

R. W. Bro. W. H. Adams, G. S.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 16, 1858.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY OF THE GRAND LODGE OF F. & A. MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, November 15th, 1858.

Richard Vaux, Esq.,

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Agreeably to your request I hereby transmit, through you, to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, a duplicate copy of the transactions of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York for 1858, and also a copy of the circular of the Grand Master, addressed to the Grand Lodges of the World, and the Subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction, duly authenticated by the seal of the Grand Lodge, and the signature of the Grand Secretary.

With sincere respect, truly and fraternally yours,

JAMES M. AUSTIN, *Gr. Secty.*

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, November 1st, 1858.

To the several Lodges and Grand Lodges, and to the Masonic Fraternity throughout the World.

GREETING:—The Act of Union agreed upon in June last between the two Bodies respectively acting as the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, having been this day fully consummated by the performance of its prospective provisions, and the Masonic Fraternity of the State having become consolidated under one jurisdiction:

Now, therefore, I, John L. Lewis, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, do hereby declare and proclaim the Union aforesaid, to be fully completed and consummated, and that the Subordinate Lodges hereinafter mentioned, and their members in good standing not heretofore recognized by this Grand Lodge, are entitled by the said Union, to all the rights and privileges of regular Lodges and Masons under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and are to be received and recognized accordingly throughout this jurisdiction. This event so long desired, and so anxiously and hopefully expected, I am confident will cause the great heart of the Brotherhood throughout the world to thrill with joy and exultation. The Union, formed upon the basis of that in Great Britain in 1813, has been effected in the most fraternal manner, on terms highly honorable and entirely satisfactory to both parties, and in strict conformity to the usages and customs of Masonry. The reproach which the divided condition of the Fraternity in this State brought upon them, and upon the Masonic name, has been happily removed. We are henceforth to be one in name and one in sentiment and action, under the constitutions of the Grand Lodge over which I have presided for two years past, and of which I have now the honor to be Grand Master, and of which R. W. James M. Austin is and has been Grand Secretary. In announcing an event which we feel will ensure to us the heartfelt congratulations of our brethren of both continents, we invoke a fraternal oblivion of the past, and a greeting as cordial for all our brethren, as if no difficulty had existed, out of which we trust may grow a complete extinction of the few vestiges of schism and irregularity within our borders, and that our Grand Lodge may be as sole and supreme in its jurisdiction *in fact* as it is *by right*. Officers of the Lodges in this State are required to have this manifesto read in open Lodge, as soon as received, and to see that it is fully obeyed and carried into effect. A schedule of the Lodges received under our jurisdiction by the Act of Union, is hereto annexed.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the Grand Lodge to be hereunto affixed, and to be countersigned by the R. W. Grand Secretary, at the place, and on the day and year first aforesaid.

[SEAL] JOHN L. LEWIS, JR., *Grand Master.*

Attest: JAMES M. AUSTIN, *Grand Secretary.*

The following is a list of the Lodges referred to in the foregoing edict: 8, Holland, New York City; 11, Lodge of Antiquity, New York City; 19, Fortitude, City of Brooklyn; 21, Washington, New York City; 23, Adelphi, New York City; 26, Albion, New York City; 27, Mount Moriah, New York City; 30, Godfrey, New York City; 54, German Union, New York City; 56, Hohenlinden, City of Brooklyn; 66, Richmond, Port Richmond; 70, John Hancock, New York City; 94, [redacted] of Strict Observance, New York City; 106, Manitou, New York City; 446, Oltman's, City of Brooklyn, E. D.; 447 Franklin, New York City; 448, Huguenot, New Rochelle; 449, Hiram, New York City; 450, Rising Star, Yonkers; 451, Delta, City of Brooklyn; 452 Ancient City, City of Albany.

PHILADELPHIA, November 17th, 1858.

James M. Austin, M. D., R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York.

R. W. SIR AND BROTHER:—I have received through Bro. Richard Vaux, Chairman of the Committee of Correspondence, the published transactions of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York for 1858, and also a printed circular letter of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, to the several Lodges and Grand Lodges, and to the Masonic Fraternity throughout the World, which I will present to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at its next communication.

Respectfully and fraternally, yours truly,

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

PORT BYRON, NEW YORK, Dec. 2, 1858.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Your kind and very fraternal letter of the 22d ultimo, written by the pen of your accomplished daughter, awaited my return from court last evening, and I hasten to reply to it. I freely confess to you that I have seldom read a letter the general tone of which was more generous or fraternal, and I cannot turn my mind away from its truly friendly pages to retrospect the cloudy years of estrangement that have passed over the jurisdictions of New York and Pennsylvania without experiencing emotions of sadness. If, in replying to the questions which are therein propounded, I could flatter myself with the hope of being equally successful in clothing facts, which, for this purpose, it will be necessary to present, with the same verdure of fraternal love, I should regard myself peculiarly fortunate. I am happy to be informed that communications have passed since the 15th ultimo between the Grand Secretaries of New York and Pennsylvania. Setting aside our own correspondence, it is the first glimmer of fraternal light which has shone out from the gloom of surrounding darkness for many years past. Had the Grand Secretary of Pennsylvania favored the Grand Secretary of New York with replies to previous respectful and fraternal communications, it

would, I am confident, have avoided much misunderstanding and consequent unpleasantness of feeling; but it is a lamentable fact that this courtesy has been denied us, as I will show. In this connection, permit me to say and to assure you that I would, if I could, entirely avoid the remotest allusion to any act of unkindness on the part of Pennsylvania, but for the necessity of doing so, in order, first, to give an intelligent reply to your questions, and second, to satisfy your mind of the eminent propriety of an explicit recognition of the Grand Lodge of New York by that of Pennsylvania, and of a repudiation of these acts by the latter. When this duty shall have been performed, I shall rely with great confidence upon your sense of justice and your good judgment, in pursuing that only fraternal and reasonable course which the circumstances will require, and which the throbbing hearts and hallowed aspirations of our respective constituencies will justify and demand at your hands.

You say you are "not aware that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania ever interdicted communication with the Masons of New York!" It does not now occur to me what precise language was used by the Grand Master in the address which he presented to the Grand Lodge of New York, touching the course which had been pursued by Pennsylvania regarding the Masons of New York, although your quotation is doubtless correct; yet the Committee which had this subject in charge, and upon whose report the action of the Grand Lodge of New York was primarily based, did not contend that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania had specifically interdicted communication with the Masons of New York; but they did contend that in consequence of certain acts by the officers, committees, and subordinates of the latter body, "all masonic intercourse with the Grand Lodge of New York, and her faithful subordinates and constituents is, *de facto*, cut off by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania." Had there been a resolution passed, or an edict issued by that body, specifically suspending intercourse with the Fraternity of this State, we would have employed language appropriate to such an act. We could have stated, with entire propriety, that intercourse was suspended, *de jure*, on the part of Pennsylvania, but this was not the case. Intercourse was suspended *de facto*, by Pennsylvania, by acts less prominent, though equally efficacious to effect that end, one of which you admit as having been performed by the lamented Brother Mitchell, when Deputy Grand Master, in open Lodge, and which act he approved when he became Grand Master. Though he had not the gavel in his hand when the opinion ostracizing and excluding New York Masons was expressed, the example was pervading, and reached to the extremities of the jurisdiction. You will correct me if I am misinformed in stating that soon after the opinion was expressed by the Deputy Grand Master, whereby the visitor from New York was denied admission, it was submitted to the then Grand Lodge, who stated that he would not *decide adverse* to him; and it went out as an example for the Lodges of the State, and that it was followed with marked fidelity will

hardly be questioned. You will pardon me in seeking to correct a slight anachronism into which I think you have inadvertently fallen, in stating that the mediation had been proposed to New York, and that its acceptance was undetermined when this opinion was expressed. In the latter part of November or first of December, 1855, a Past Master from the city of New York, with a Grand Lodge certificate in his hands, sought admission into one of the Philadelphia Lodges, but was denied, "on the ground," as stated by him in a letter to Grand Secretary Austin, dated Dec. 4, 1855, "that they [the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania] would not admit as visitors any Mason hailing from New York." The offer of mediation was introduced and acted upon in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, as appears from a copy of the minutes, certified by Grand Secretary Adams, over a month after this took place; and on the 7th day of January, 1856. It it not unlikely that visitors from New York sought admission to your Lodges during the pendency of that proposition, but certain it is that they were denied admission thereto anterior to its submission; whatever obstacle, therefore, was presented in this respect during its pendency, on account of the impropriety of a decision in that mode "of any question the mediation involved," this reason did not exist when this exclusion took place. You will perceive, therefore, that intercourse with "any Mason hailing from New York" was suspended, *de facto*, by Pennsylvania, something like a year and a half before the interdict was made by New York, that act having passed the Grand Lodge of New York in June, 1857, though introduced therein at the meeting in June, 1856. While, therefore, your statement may be, and doubtless is, strictly correct, "that no authoritative or official interdict by the *Grand Lodge* of Pennsylvania was ever made or uttered against the New York fraternity," the opinions or declarations of non-intercourse above suggested were equally as effective as a positive interdict; and I must venture to express the belief that it will not hereafter be seriously argued that the only barrier to fraternal intercourse was set up or is now maintained by the Grand Lodge of New York. On the other hand you will perceive that a series of acts on the part of Pennsylvania compelled this Grand Lodge either to promulgate that interdict, or to resign all "self-respect" by submitting to whatever indignities might be offered. To have pursued the latter course would have been an admission of her inability to exercise the prerogatives of sovereignty, or to shield or protect her officers and constituents from insult and degradation. This series of acts will best be presented in reply to the question which was suggested to your mind by the tenor of my last letter, wherein you inquire: "In what manner has Pennsylvania acted which has been unkind; or how has she given evidence of her 'evident dislike' or 'indignity' to the Grand Lodge of New York, her committees, and constituents?" You will allow me to copy from a report, which was submitted to the Grand Lodge of New York in June, 1856: "After [our difficulties] in 1849, information was communicated to the officers of

the Grand Lodge of this State that some of the subordinate Lodges in Pennsylvania were pursuing a course calculated to encourage insubordination, and perpetuate divisions among the fraternity of New York. Yet, trusting in the [hope] that the acts indicating this course were unbeknown to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, that she could not long remain ignorant of them, and that as soon as informed a correction would be administered, our officers forbore remonstrance until 1852-3, when [the New York Committee on Foreign Correspondence] called attention to it in the following language, viz: "If our information be correct, the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania has given encouragement to insubordination in this State, by allowing those who have been expelled by the Grand Lodge of New York to hold masonic intercourse with their members, and to visit their Lodges with as much freedom as if they were in good standing. This is not only a discourtesy to the Grand Lodge of New York, but it is unmasonic on the part of those permitting it. * * * Our information on this subject is not sufficiently authentic to call for an indication of any particular line of policy [then, 1853,] to be pursued in the premises; yet this information is of such a nature that we cannot entirely disregard it; we therefore submit a resolution, which, if answered, will prepare this Grand Lodge to act advisedly when the matter is again brought before it." "The resolution submitted, and then [1853] adopted, was as follows: *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to correspond with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and request information whether that Grand Lodge permits its subordinate Lodges to allow the visitation of individuals therein who have been expelled by the Grand Lodge of New York." "The Grand Secretary informed the Committee that the duty here enjoined was punctually attended to; but from that day to this [1856] no answer has been received. We are led, therefore, to conclude that the information received respecting this plain infraction of Masonic law and usage, and of Masonic duty, on the part of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was entirely correct, otherwise" it would have been denied. Let me inquire, dear sir and brother, if the greatest charity can regard this matter in any other light than "unkindness" on the one hand, or discourtesy on the other? But again, the earnest solicitation of many of her sister Grand Lodges of the United States, induced the Grand Lodge of New York, in 1853, against her convictions of an immemorial right she had exercised, but for the sake of peace, harmony, and amity among the Masonic nationalities, to adopt a resolution forbidding her subordinates to initiate *non-residents*. The border Lodges in Pennsylvania were in the practice of receiving and initiating residents of this State, and notwithstanding the resolution was communicated to, with the hope that it would be reciprocated by, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, they continued the practice, until, in 1855, when one or more candidates were so initiated who had been rejected in New York as unfit material for Masonry; and the attention of our Grand Lodge was specially called to the matter, and

a resolution was adopted, directing the Grand Secretary to communicate our views to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and "to fraternally solicit their consideration of the subject." This duty was attended to by the Grand Secretary, but, as in the former case, no reply was made to it. Was this treatment fraternal? Was it even courteous, as you and I would be courteous in our professional relations, aside from those Masonic obligations which, when practiced, make all men brothers and gentlemen? Still again: long before a mediation was offered, or perhaps thought of, by Pennsylvania, she, the Grand Lodge, dedicated a hall in Philadelphia—a great hall, one that would do credit to the *Champs Elysees* or the *Place de Concorde* in Paris. "It was an occasion on which those sublime objects to whose cultivation and use all Masonic Halls are dedicated, should have a practical development * * * in brotherly greetings, in the interchange of fraternal sentiments, and by reciprocal pledges of devotion to the hallowed tendencies of the order." We were informed that all the Grand Lodges of the United States were invited to the banquet, but New York, the largest Grand Lodge in the western world, whose contiguous jurisdictional borders with those of Pennsylvania stretch away to the west for hundreds of miles, was not among the States invited or represented. "The Grand Lodge, the grand officers, and the territory of New York, were as unknown to the Committee on Invitations and the grand officers of Pennsylvania as if they had not existed." Was not this "unkind?" Was it not, on the part of Pennsylvania, the evidence of her "evident dislike?" or may we not regard it of that higher degree of discourtesy which I think you will agree with me amounts to "indignity?" But one of the Past Grand Masters of New York was there in the streets of Philadelphia when the imposing pageant was passing by—called there unexpectedly on a mission of mercy, and was recognized by your grand officers. The scene which is spoken of by our Saviour as having transpired on the way from Jerusalem to Jericho, in which the priest and Levite bore an important part, was measurably re-enacted, and would have found a parallel in the streets of Philadelphia on this occasion, but for the fact that the priest and Levite concluded their labors the same day, while the grand officers of Pennsylvania extended theirs into the *next* by inviting the Past Grand Master of New York to visit the hall, "*inasmuch as it was then open to the public!*" I will leave it to you, Brother Vaux, to find a designation to this treatment. My vocabulary has no name for it. I may, however, be allowed to borrow the language of the Grand Master of Virginia, in expressing it as my opinion that the course of Pennsylvania in this whole matter "inflicted a deep wound" upon all parties concerned. There is another matter in this connection which, as evidencing a like unpleasant disposition on the part of our brethren in Pennsylvania toward a responsible officer of the Grand Lodge of New York, to which I should feel it my duty to refer but for the fact that my own name is involved, and I cannot suffer myself to believe that it is necessary more particularly to

specify its nature. It may not be improper to mention that in the instance referred to, the officer was sought to be disgraced, but for what reason I know not, unless for his connection with the report upon the mediation to which you have referred. I presume I have presented facts sufficient to satisfy you, without alluding to others, that the conclusion to which you have arrived, that "All the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has done were acts of kindness and brotherly love towards the New York jurisdiction and its constituents," has not as broad a basis as was imagined. Perhaps there may be a distinction between the acts of a Grand Lodge and those of its officers; but I have been accustomed to think that the Grand Master, especially, exercises all or nearly all its *executive* powers when that body is not in session; and certainly it ought not to let them pass without notice, when they involve its most important relations with other jurisdictions. But for the existence of this principle, and which, in the constitution of the Grand Lodge of New York, is clearly expressed, the act of Grand Master Lewis in modifying the edict of non-intercourse between the two States, would have been assuming an authority which did not belong to him. I take it, therefore, that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is, under the circumstances detailed, primarily responsible for the non-intercourse, and upon her devolves the duty of altering this relation. You inquire: "Why does Right Worthy Grand Master Lewis abstain from revoking the remainder of an interdict originating in a misunderstanding of the basis on which it was made? It is a principle of law, and why not of Masonic law, if that is a rule of Masonic conduct, that *falsus in uno, falsus in omnibus*." You will bear in mind that the interdict was not made by the Grand Master, but by the Grand Lodge, and upon a basis which originated in no misunderstanding, but on a review of all the facts bearing upon the question; the more important of which I have in this letter briefly referred to, and among these facts was the very important one that Masons in good standing from this State, a long time previous to the suspension of intercourse on our part, and indeed before it was proposed, as before stated, although it lay on the table for one year, were thrust from the doors of the Pennsylvania Lodges; while Masons from the latter jurisdiction were fraternally received and welcomed into our Lodges. Then, as to the modification of the interdict by Grand Master Lewis, and upon which you inquire what the Grand Lodge of New York will think, is the "next step" to a "cordial fraternization of the craft in both jurisdictions?" I endeavored to make myself understood in my first letter to Brother Scott, [Sept. 16,] stating in effect that a fraternal feeling having been manifested on the part of Pennsylvania toward New York, through the Report on Correspondence of Dec., 1857, we thought it unkind on our part to repel that feeling, and, in order to avoid such a reflection, with which we could not allow ourselves to be charged, myself and my associate grand officers united in a [written] petition to the Grand Master so far to modify the edict of non-intercourse as to permit the holding of

Masonic correspondence. This petition was granted, and my associates requested me to open and conduct the correspondence; this designation was doubtless suggested to my colleagues from the circumstance of my being a member of the Committee to which the subject, when in Grand Lodge, appropriately belongs. You will therefore perceive that it was no misunderstanding of the facts which prompted the course of the Grand Master, and as a consequence, that the legal maxim you have employed, though appropriate and forcible in a hypothetical case, would require a very liberal construction to give it the application and the sweeping consequences intended. It occurs to me that the classics give another character to, and furnish another and quite a different interpretation of, the act of the Grand Master, whereby he sought to recall, not New York, but Pennsylvania, to its former career of benevolence and greatness, in the suggestive language, "*Errantum in viam reductio.*" Your eloquent defence of the position of neutrality, and the offer of mediation of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, imply that we regarded these as the chief wrongs committed by that body. We did think that your neutrality was quite indefensible; and this opinion was shared by very high authorities out of New York. Such was the opinion of the Grand Master of Virginia, and some of the Grand Lodges spoke, through their Committees, very pointedly upon it. The Grand Lodge of New York, to which I belonged and still belong, was either right or wrong in the course pursued; if right, it should have been sustained; if wrong, condemned, and told the course to pursue to remedy the evil thereby committed. There can be no *wise* neutrality between stable and approved Masonic government and rebellion. For a body like that of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania—distinguished alike for the very eminent legal ability and profound statesmanship of many of its members—to remain neutral, is to encourage that rebellion and aid in the prostration of established government. Whether I was engaged therein, or some one else, makes no difference. Both parties had sent their case to you for determination and judgment. They asked you to act and to decide, which you neglected to do, but allowed both to remain in the belief that they were respectively right, and the strife went on with your tacit permission, engendering feelings of discord and prejudice, which, but for the vitality of Masonic faith and virtue in the breasts of these parties, could not have been healed till all who were engaged in the conflict had passed from the scenes of earth. What would you think of that man who, seeing his neighbor's house on fire, should refuse to interfere, lest his equal friendship for the contending elements should be questioned? If that neighbor were attacked by a Bedouin of the desert, would you show your friendship by your neutrality? It appears to me that the effect of such friendship would be much like that of the Duke of Grafton for the British treasury! For the desire I have in my heart to acquiesce in the views so beautifully and so eloquently expressed by you, defending this neutrality, I could wish that I might sanction it, but it seems to be impossible. The offer of mediation on the other hand, *abstractly*

considered, was most commendable; but you complain that it was not "treated in that spirit of charity and brotherly love which * * * is so vital an element in true Masonic character." I am not certain that I am the best judge of this treatment, inasmuch as the language in which it was administered was traced by a very familiar pen. It was thought by some very eminent brethren out of New York to have been justifiable in view of the circumstances. One of the Grand Lodges, speaking through her Committee on Foreign Correspondence, after noticing the causticity of our report in terms of praise, which modesty forbids me to copy, says: "It was richly merited, and the Grand Lodge of New York will stand justified before the Masonic world for the dignified and spirited manner with which she disposed of the proposition of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania." The protestations of candor and kindness of intention so often repeated by your predecessors on the Correspondence Committee of Pennsylvania, and by yourself in the present correspondence, forbids me longer to doubt on this subject. They have persuaded me to concede, which I most heartily do, the benevolence of the motives which prompted the offer; yet the non-official, half doubting and circuitous mode in which that offer was conveyed; the rejection of previous offers of mediation from some of the most enlightened bodies in the country which we supposed were known to you; the previous decisive action of nearly every Grand Lodge in the world, which we could not ignore; the exclusion of our members from the doors of your Lodges; the entire inattention to our respectful and fraternal communications, and the incivility to the Grand Lodge of New York as a body and to some of its officers—all exercised their influence in the treatment of which you speak. And you cannot but discover that the circumstances were not at all conducive to very charitable action on the subject. I do not conceive, however, that either your neutrality or your offer of mediation, or the manner in which the latter was treated, offer any very grave obstacles to our coming to an understanding. Whatever unpleasant feelings they may have caused, I am confident the fraternity of New York would cheerfully draw the curtain of oblivion over them, and allow "the current of Masonic communication to flow, till it goes from the hands to the hearts of every Brother in both jurisdictions." I feel, indeed, a heart-felt pleasure in reciprocating, on behalf of the Fraternity of New York, the warm expressions of fraternal regard entertained in your jurisdiction that, "the craft in Pennsylvania are anxious for a re-union of fraternal relations. There will be great joy and rejoicing when it is accomplished." I would that it were already accomplished. And as on my own part, *if your own wise and discreet action will enable me to do so*, I shall be prepared at almost any moment to report the entire removal of any and all obstacles to this consummation in New York, I ardently hope that you will improve the influence you appropriately exercise in your jurisdiction in persuading the *Grand Master*, if the Grand Lodge is not in session, to issue an edict countermanding all acts, opinions and decisions heretofore made in Pennsylvania, obstructing intercourse

between the jurisdictions and their constituents, and fully recognizing the Grand Lodge of New York. It seems to me that on a survey of the whole premises this line of duty is plain. The Grand Lodge of Ohio after a delay of two years, "*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge *as heretofore, continue to recognize* the Grand Body in New York, &c., &c." The Grand Orient of France after a like delay of about three years—"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of the State of New York with which the Grand Orient of France entertained fraternal relations of correspondence in 1850, and which was referred to in its official annual, has done no act which should put an end to those relations, &c., &c." The position of these bodies in their relations with the Grand Lodge of New York was far less exceptionable than that of Pennsylvania, and there are few Masonic bodies, if any, in the world occupying a higher character, or are more punctilious in the observance of their rules. And I beg you to compare the preamble and resolution now in your hands, offered by the Worthy Brother Riley with these; I think you will agree with me that they do not come up to the standard fixed by Ohio and France, and yet I am not prepared to say that the adoption of this preamble and resolution, if I have a correct knowledge of the language in which they are couched, may not be satisfactory to New York. You will have observed that I have not referred to the evidence which that preamble furnishes of the entire correctness of my main position in this correspondence—that restrictions were imposed by Pennsylvania and still exist, upon Masonic communication with New York! The reference of the preamble [which declares that, "the restrictions heretofore existing should now be repealed"] by the Grand Lodge to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, is a clear *cognovit* of the full force of this position, and fully answers, to the disadvantage of Pennsylvania, much, very much, of the argument so forcibly and eloquently urged by yourself and Brother Scott; but the entire sufficiency, in my mind, of the other facts presented in this letter has deterred me from employing it. If I am misinformed as to the language of that preamble you will, of course, correct me. I conclude with asking if you will not rejoice the Fraternity of New York and Pennsylvania and of the whole Union, with conveying to me ducted, as you are aware, in our private capacities. I adopted this above indicated? Our correspondence on both sides has been conducted, as you are aware, in our private capacities. I adopted this mode as being most conducive to a free, frank and fraternal interchange of opinions, avoiding thereby the unfavorable influence of diplomatic punctilios; and I thank you for the generosity which has prompted a cordial reciprocity of this course; and while I shall be happy to continue it in this way, I beg your consent to regard it as official. A recent weakness in my eyes has compelled me to avail myself of the services of an amanuensis in writing this letter.

Accept the assurances of sincere regard and esteem with which I subscribe myself, most fraternally yours,

FINDLAY M. KING.

Hon. Richard Vaux, Philada., Pa.

PHILADELPHIA, December 20, 1858.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Let me thank you for your most acceptable letter of December 2. I have read it with deep interest. The impression it has made on my mind can be best expressed, by remarking, that the force and extent of the argument, has dignified its cause into an importance, which without it, I have been yet at a loss to discover. The differences which have existed between the Grand Lodge of New York and Pennsylvania as far as I understand them, are mere questions, of what you aptly style, "diplomatic punctilios" than Masonic principles. The list of grievances which you have enumerated, when intrinsically considered, partake of this character. The primary cause of the differences grew out of a division in the Grand Lodge of New York. Pennsylvania finding that in the jurisdiction of New York, two bodies existed, claiming to be the Grand Lodge of that State, refrained from deciding which was right and which wrong. This course may not have been politic, but was it unfriendly, unmasonic or unkind? Refraining from a decision, not willing prematurely to decide on a question of local significance, as to the New York jurisdiction, where it exclusively attached, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania did no act of unkindness or dignity in thus pursuing a course of non-interference. This was her idea of neutrality. Being thus neutral on the main question, it would not have comported with either sincerity or fairness to have admitted visitors from either body as members of the Grand Lodge of New York. Thus admitting Masons hailing as members of the Grand Lodge of New York, would have been indirectly recognizing the body to which they belonged as the Grand Lodge. This was the position of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania up to the offer of mediation. How can you my good friend and brother, except to a course of action, which starting in a determination to take part with neither, should by a deviation therefrom have proved either its insincerity or inconsistency by thus taking the side of either. This would have been the result of admitting visitors, or action on any one of the subjects on which you rely for evidence of an unfriendly and unkind feelings, or indignities to your Grand Lodge. You cite as an example to show the nature of neutrality as we understand it, the case of a friend's house taking fire, and the neighbor refusing to aid in its extinguishment because of his neutrality as between the elements of destruction. The case is not apposite. If the members of the family of this friend who resided in the house, should by disagreements among themselves, voluntarily set fire to the house, in order to decide over its ashes who was the *bona fide* owner—my idea is, that true friendship would exert itself to settle the quarrel, rather than continue it, by saving the house. I will not give you a familiar case, because the antecedents are inapplicable, but the oil and wine which heal, or which are offered to heal wounds, are often administered by the real neighbor of the wounded. And in passing, here let me remark, that your allusion to a circumstance in which you were personally con-

cerned, defies my efforts of memory to recall. I have no idea to what you refer. Whatever may have been attributed as a disrespect of any kind is incorrectly so attributed, for I am sure no one here, on the ground you suggest, can merit intentionally animadversion. Again, the construction you give to Brother Riley's resolution, or its words, will not be sustained when you see an authentic copy. It may be, that on my recital of the language used by Deputy Grand Master Mitchell, I gave too liberal a construction to his words, finding that construction, in what I believed to be his words. His remarks at the time and place referred to, have no record but in the memory of individuals, and hence, they are at best but the present impressions of their narrators. It matters not however what he said, as I have before stated, it was the language only of an individual, which has never been formally or authoritatively sanctioned by any recognized Masonic authority. Right Worshipful Grand Master Williamson after these remarks of Deputy Grand Master Mitchell, has instituted Lodges in Pennsylvania with New York Masons present as visitors, so that it was not binding even on the Right Worshipful Grand Master. Thus we come to your argument, that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania by her course of conduct towards New York has interdicted *de facto*, Masonic intercourse, and hence New York was justified in promulgating her interdict against the fraternity of Pennsylvania. My dear sir and brother, I cannot agree with you that non-interference and its legitimate consequences can be construed as equivalent to positive action and its results. If the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania took no part, in the difficulties, and thus did not accede to the applications of New York Masons for admission, because such consent would have been indirectly doing, what it refrained from doing directly, it is not a legitimate argument to declare therefrom, that *de facto* an interdict is thus established against the members of the regularly constituted Masonic authorities of the jurisdiction of New York. Your argument, to be conclusive, must show who were, beyond cavil or doubt, the members of this regularly constituted authority. Till that question was settled by Pennsylvania, as a guide to the action of her Grand Lodge, the argument lacks an essential ingredient. I will not now trouble you with a recital of my views on this question. Enough can be found on the indisputable fact, that the Masons of New York no later than last June, by solemn compact, published to the world, that two bodies existed in New York both claiming to be the regularly constituted Masonic authority of that jurisdiction. One was regular, and the other was not, because two such bodies cannot exist, as a Masonic principle, in one Masonic jurisdiction. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania admitted the members of neither, because she had not decided which was regular. She was no longer in deciding the question, than the fraternity in New York themselves, for they only settled it in June, 1858, and the authoritative announcement of the settlement bears date November 1, 1858, not sixty days

since. The question itself has been determined by the New York fraternity, by a compromise, and hence the real issue has not even in New York worked out the problem, by a demonstration. Therefore it is, my good friend and brother, I cannot admit the argument you so forcibly make is conclusive, because it fails in demonstrating that this *de facto* interdict as you assume it to be, had its operation on the members of the only justly, regularly constituted Grand Lodge of New York. We had no such schism or division in Pennsylvania. There never was, in Masonic history but one Grand Lodge in this jurisdiction. The interdict you took one year to decide upon, and deliberately promulgate, cannot be justified on the ground, that your Grand Lodge refrained from deciding which body was the regular Masonic authority in Pennsylvania. It can be based only, either on this misunderstanding or misconception; or on your idea of the *de facto* principle, to which I have already called your attention. My dear sir and Brother, in the overflowing of sincere regard, I cannot refrain from saying that on neither of these grounds can it, I think, be sustained. Let me say a word here as to a variation in dates to which you refer. I sought to consider this question on its merits, and hence the difference of a month or a year I thought, would not change this principle. The whole course of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was, in this matter, actuated by the pure spirit of Masonic truth, friendship and charity, and brotherly love. However much it may have been misunderstood, still these feelings remain successfully uncontradicted or disproved. They are as strong and sincere, now, as ever. This brings me to that portion of your most acceptable letter to which you refer to Right Worshipful Grand Master Lewis rescinding a portion of the interdict against our fraternity. I will not reargue the propriety of a final abrogation of it, because this has been already presented. But, my dear sir and brother, can a dispassionate mind, filled with Masonic faith, and living up to its teachings, permit "diplomatic punctilios," to stand in the way of Masonic love and justice. If you say that a misunderstanding clearly existed, sufficient to justify a removal of part of your interdict, have I not at least shown, that the ground of retaliation on which the rest stands, has no real existence. Is retaliation for a supposed injury, more defensible than for a premeditated one. Where, my dear sir and brother, in Masonic fellowship and fraternity, is the justification for retaliation. In the outer world it is a principle of action, not sanctioned by enlightened minds as between enemies. Is it more tolerable among brethren of the mystic tie, who look, or ought to look to those points of fellowship, as ever indicating the true spirit of intercourse among the craft. You, my good brother, will not, I know you will not, differ with me in this, however we may differ on points of "diplomatic punctilios." Then will it not be an easy additional step for Right Worshipful Grand Master Lewis to take, to abrogate the rest of this unfortunate interdict. After a careful examination of the whole subject, which

has occupied the attention of the craft in both jurisdictions for so long a time, and which has engaged our attention in this correspondence, I am of opinion that the candid Masonic intelligence, will sustain the course which the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has pursued towards the New York contestants. The same impartial opinion, will I respectfully think, not approve the formal, solemn and deliberate interdict, promulgated against the united and friendly fraternity of Pennsylvania. But, my dear sir and brother, as the remnant of the obstacle to the cordial intercourse and union, between the only present existing Grand Lodge of New York, and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, can be removed by the exercise of those virtues we, as Masons profess; I have determined to show you, that we in Pennsylvania practice as well as preach charity, love and forbearance. The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, meets this evening, and the Committee of Correspondence will make a report. On the New York difficulties, we will make such notice as we think the subject merits, and offer a resolution to recognize your Grand Lodge. If this resolution is adopted we have done good service to Masonry. I now refer to this proposed action, that you may discover evidence of a friendly spirit towards your Grand Lodge, and that Pennsylvania though veiled in her action at times, when needed, can stand forth clothed in Masonic jewels, as a bride in her excellence. You remark in closing the letter containing your most interesting and elaborate argument, that although the correspondence began as between friends, and let me add sincere friends and brothers in Masonic bonds, in a private capacity, you wish my consent to its being now regarded as official. I wrote in the fullness of friendship, and love for the craft, and Masonic right, but not for the public eye. But since you ask the character of the correspondence to be changed, an objection on my part might be misunderstood. I freely give it therefore, with this remark, that those who read it, must have consideration for my efforts to reply to the ability, learning and Masonic experience, which is so markedly manifest in your portion of these papers.

DECEMBER 21, 1858, (Tuesday morning.)

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I kept this letter open in order to be able to inform you of the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on the resolution of the Committee of Correspondence as to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of New York. It was adopted unanimously. The line of division is broken down, the obstacle removed, the interdict has gone to the oblivion of the past, and the craft in Pennsylvania and New York are as one fold. As Brothers of the ancient faith I tender you the hand of fellowship, baptized, as it has been, in efforts to make charity supreme, love abound, and Masonic principles triumphant over every obstacle. In the fullness

of great gladness at this result, let me salute you in the bonds of Masonic union, and as a friend and Brother.

RICHARD VAUX,

Chairman Committee of Correspondence, Grand Lodge of Pa.

To Findlay M. King, Esq., Chairman Committee of Correspondence, Grand Lodge of New York, Port Byron, Cayuga County.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW HALL, CHESTNUT STREET.

PHILADELPHIA, December 28th, 1858.

James M. Austin, M. D., Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of New York.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER:—I hereby transmit to you an extract from the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. I would have made this communication earlier but the report was not in my possession, the Chairman of the Committee of Correspondence having taken it away, and did not return it to me till yesterday.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Extra Grand Communication, held at the Hall, Chestnut St., Phila., December 20th, 1858—A. L. 5858.

The report of the Committee of Correspondence, was read with preamble and resolutions attached, which after slight amendments, were adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, differences heretofore existing between the "two bodies respectively acting as the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York," having been settled; and the "act of union" between the said bodies, having on the first day of November, A. D. 1858—A. L. 5858, "been fully consummated."

AND WHEREAS, there is in the possession of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, true Masonic information received from the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York, that but one Grand Lodge now exists in that jurisdiction. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania extends the right hand of fellowship to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of New York; rejoicing at the same time, that peace and harmony dwell within her borders; that the voice of a stranger to Masonic union is no longer to be heard at her portals; and that her prosperity is about again to flow as a river to the invigoration and strength of a united and contented fraternity.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania be directed to transmit to the Right Wor-

shipful Grand Lodge of New York, a copy of this preamble and resolutions.

(Extract from the Minutes.)

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY OF THE GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, December 30th, 1858.

Right Worshipful William H. Adams, Esq., Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER:—I am in receipt of your communication of 28th inst., enclosing a copy of the preamble and resolutions adopted by the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, at its recent extra communication on the 20th inst., which I will take the first opportunity to lay before the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New York.

Respectfully and Fraternally,

(Signed) JAMES M. AUSTIN, *Grand Secretary.*

While the foregoing was in press, the following letters were received and answered, and this correspondence thus terminated:—

PORT BYRON, N. Y., March 4th, 1858.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I was favored with the receipt of your fraternal letter of the 20th December last, on the 23d of that month, together with a certified copy of the preamble and resolutions which you had the kindness to submit to, and which were unanimously adopted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on the evening of the 21st; I would have acknowledged their receipt immediately, but I desired to return to you with my answer thereto, the proclamation of the Grand Master of New York, authoritatively announcing in this State, the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and the removal thereby of all barriers to a full and complete restoration of fraternal relations between the two Masonic jurisdictions; and for this purpose I have waited till the present moment, and now have the honor to transmit it to you herewith. In replying to your most welcome and very fraternal letter which is now before me, I would improve the occasion to express to you the joy I feel at the fortunate result which has been determined by this correspondence, in the adoption by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, of the preamble and resolutions referred to; I would content myself with having performed this agreeable duty—this happy privilege without extending my letter to other matters, but that, the reputation of the Grand Lodge of New York seems to be somewhat involved in the matter. This fact, as also a proper regard for the

history of these passing events, will justify a brief recurrence to some of the positions taken in the very ably written letter before me. Among them is your remark, that "The differences which have existed between the Grand Lodges of New York and Pennsylvania, as far as I (you) understand them, are more of questions of what you (I) aptly style 'diplomatic punctilios' than Masonic principles." It must be admitted that Masonic etiquette which involves an elevated standard of fraternal courtesy and neighborly kindness does not receive any superior additional charms by the acts delineated in my last letter touching the course pursued by Pennsylvania, and it may be that New York has not entirely escaped similar liability to your sweeping criticism; but, while I am free to confess the weakness of human nature in being slow to discover its own deformities, I candidly believe, that so far as her intercourse with Pennsylvania is concerned, New York is entirely without fault up to the time of the special report on the proposed mediation in June, 1856. I will not recapitulate those acts of fraternal courtesy with which she regarded and treated Pennsylvania during the series of years from 1848 to 1856; it will suffice to mention that her reports, her correspondence, her demeanor and her suggestions were couched in fraternal language and dictated and influenced by fraternal feelings. I refer you to the record of her proceedings now in the archives of your Grand Lodge attesting this conclusion. When that report was presented and received by the Grand Lodge of New York, it changed the *status* of the two bodies, and especially was this *status* changed when the resolution of non-intercourse was adopted. Instead of the Grand Lodge of New York being still the passive object of unfraternal demeanor on the part of her compeer, she made an advance from this position which elicited the attention as well as the approval of her sister Grand Lodges, and devolved upon Pennsylvania the not very easy duty of vindicating herself in the premises. It called out from the pen of your distinguished and able predecessor, the Right Worshipful Brother Badger, the most elaborate report, I think, which had appeared in the annals of that body. He will hardly admit that the disregard of a mere diplomatic punctilio could have occasioned such an expenditure of earnest argument; nor would the body for whom he spoke, grave and illustrious as it is, have permitted that argument to have gone out to the world as its defence to a *bagatelle*. The acts of sovereign authorities showing a disregard of the rights, interests, or wishes, or even of the prejudices of others, may be called "diplomatic punctilios," but the history of our own nation has shown that they have been sufficient to convulse it from centre to circumference, and on more occasions than one to hazard our peaceful relations with other countries. All history has shown that when a government becomes so effete and imbecile as to permit its rights to be disregarded and its constituents to be insulted with impunity its authority is weakened, its usefulness determined, and its ultimate overthrow foretold. No, my Brother, it will hardly an-

swer for any government, be it political or Masonic, to wink at such acts, nor will it appear well to our constituents or descendants that two jurisdictions of the importance of these should have been so long estranged and hostile to each other upon grounds so frivolous and unimportant as mere diplomatic punctilios. But, again you remark that "the primary cause of the differences grew out of a division in the Grand Lodge of New York." Is this good logic, Brother Vaux? Is it not a *petito principii* in its worst aspect? Would not the argument be equally valid to charge that the primary cause of the differences was the creation of the Grand Lodge of New York? or the birth of the individuals composing it? This is the principle of your reasoning, and yet how strange and preposterous it must appear to you when you think of it! The primary cause of the differences between Pennsylvania and New York was the inaction—the "neutrality" as you are pleased to term it, of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Were there any differences between Pennsylvania and New York when the division occurred? None whatever. Did any arise subsequent to that event up to the time the two parties submitted their statements to you for examination and decision? None whatever. As between Pennsylvania on the one hand and the Fraternity in New York on the other, fraternal fellowship and reciprocal regard characterized all their intercourse. It will not be denied that our brethren who were in the minority in this State treated Pennsylvania with every consideration of respect, and the body to which I belonged,—through the Report on Foreign Correspondence which I had the honor to submit to its consideration in the month of June, 1853—expressed the very highest consideration for the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania. In recurring to our review of the proceedings of the various Grand Lodges of the United States that year, I do not find one that was given even equal consideration, or toward which more fraternal expressions were employed than to that of Pennsylvania. The notice of her proceedings is introduced with the remark, that "We are happy to acknowledge the receipt of any document emanating from the Grand Lodge of this ancient and enlightened jurisdiction. Her Franklins, her Girards, her Buchanans and Chandlers must ever occupy a prominent niche in the loftiest turrets of the Masonic Temple.—

> " 'Immortal minds,—superior to fate;
> Amid the outrage of external things.'

"Firm as the solid base of this great world,—Franklin and Girard have long since passed from the scenes of earth; but, their works, their memories, and their monuments will live while civilization lasts. The first was the instructor, the latter a benefactor of his race. But, Buchanan and Chandler still live; their influence is exerted and felt in the ranks of Masonry, in legislative halls, in cabinets and courts. Both are exemplars of Masonic excellence and worth—

Solomons in wisdom, giants in intellect, and unswerving in fidelity to the standard of the institution." Could such a reference have been made to Pennsylvania or to any portion of her constituency if we had supposed that she *had* or *would* cast us off from her fellowship? Could we have thus felicitated ourselves for the kindly and fraternal remembrance which the transmission of her annual transactions indicated, had we supposed the high officers of that jurisdiction would ignore us the first opportunity that presented? It is not possible. As more clearly involving your ideas of this singular principle of neutrality, and as strengthening and confirming my main position in this correspondence, and as a consequence of the latter entirely overthrowing and stultifying almost the entire scope of the argument on the part of Pennsylvania I must beg to present to you the following language which occurs in your letter and in which you declare that: "Refraining from a decision, not willing prematurely to decide on a question of local significance as to the New York jurisdiction where it exclusively attached, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania did no act of unkindness or indignity in thus pursuing a course of non-interference. This was her idea of neutrality. Being thus neutral on the main question it would not have comported with either sincerity or fairness to have admitted visitors from either body as members of the Grand Lodge of New York. Thus admitting Masons hailing as members of the Grand Lodge of New York would have been indirectly recognizing the body to which they belonged as the Grand Lodge. This was the position of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania up to the offer of its mediation." Considering the series of acts which I detailed to you in my letter of December 2d, it is difficult to perceive how the "neutrality" of Pennsylvania can be regarded as friendliness toward New York. It is most difficult to imagine how you can believe that Pennsylvania did no act of unkindness or indignity in *thus* pursuing a course of non-interference. In all my reading I have not seen neutrality occupying such a position: I have not seen friendship and contempt, amity and indignity, love and hate so ingeniously brought together. "You will forgive me for presuming to intimate that when you succeed in making these harmonize, you will have gone a great way to prepare the public mind to receive as creditable history the worst parts of the mythology of the Pagan world. The Centaur and the Proteus of antiquity will be fabulous no longer. The prosopopœia to which you thus invite me, is scarcely, indeed, within the power of fancy, even in her most riotous and capricious mood, where she is best able and most disposed to force incompatibilities into fleeting and shadowy combination; but, if you can accomplish it, it will give you something like the kid and the lion, the camel and the tiger, portentously incorporated with ferocity and meekness, coexistent in the result and equal as motives of action. It will give you a modern amazon, more strangely constituted than those with whom ancient fable peopled the borders of Themodon, her voice

compounded of the shout of the Minerva of Homer and the gentle accents of a shepherdess of Arcadia; with all the faculty and inclination of destruction, and all the retiring modesty of virgin Peace. We shall have in one personage the *pharetrata camilla* of the Æneid, and the Perian maid of the metamorphosis. We shall have neutrality, soft and gentle and defenceless in herself, yet clad in the panoply of war; with the frowns of rebuke and defiance upon her brow, and the smile of conciliation upon her lip; with the spear of Achilles in one hand, and a protestation of innocence enfolded in the other. Nay, if I may be allowed so bold a figure in this discussion, we shall have the branch of olive entwined around the bolt of Jove, and neutrality in the act of hurling the latter under the cover of the former." This is a strange kind of neutrality, and yet in view of the facts which I have before presented, it is, I submit, no more than a fair delineation of the course which Pennsylvania pursued toward New York up to the time of her offer of mediation; and while I am disposed to exercise a large share of charity towards that jurisdiction, on account especially of the fraternal bearing which your correspondence has made it latterly to assume, I cannot but believe that such neutrality has been more inimical, more hurtful to the fraternity of New York than avowed hostility. You will bear in mind that I have in my previous letters sought to prove to your satisfaction that Pennsylvania did *de facto* suspend intercourse with New York. A prominent case was instanced as affording the evidence of this fact, and yet Brother Scott and yourself have urged that we labored under a misapprehension on this subject; both have urged with much zeal that no such interdict was ever made or projected. The strongest evidence of such an edict is afforded in the action of your Lodges, when members from New York apply for admission as visitors. No better evidence can be given than their exclusion on such applications, and I am informed by the Grand Master of New York, that before our resolution was passed and before any edict was issued in this jurisdiction, complaints were made to him from several localities along the borders of Pennsylvania of the exclusion of our members from their Lodge meetings, and he distinctly remembers of these complaints from brethren who had sought admission into Lodges in Philadelphia, in Williamsport, in Erie and in Knoxville, in your State. He further states, upon information which he derived from the Right Worshipful Brother Drew, Grand Secretary of this State, that the late lamented Dr. Mitchell did issue an edict forbidding intercourse with the Masons of this State, which was printed and circulated among the Lodges. So much for our information. Now, is not all this confirmed, emphatically and indisputably confirmed, by your own language, above quoted, in which you declare, that "it would not have comported with either sincerity or fairness to have admitted visitors from either body as members of the Grand Lodge of New York." If stronger confirmation were needed, I would present it to you in the statement

made in your letter, that "The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania admitted the members of neither, because she had not decided which was regular." It will be perceived from all this that the non-intercourse which for the past few years has existed between Pennsylvania and New York, was initiated and established by the Masonic authorities of the former State. I think, with entire respect, that this fact is placed beyond dispute. You say you have no idea to what I refer in my allusion to an indignity on the part of Pennsylvania, in which my own name was involved. For your own satisfaction, I wish that I could persuade myself it were proper for your correspondent to present the facts in the case, but I cannot; and there is another reason equally cogent why they should not now be brought forward. The author of the indignity is now representing our country at a foreign court, and it would be disingenuous on my part to take advantage of his absence in laying facts before the fraternity which would operate to his disadvantage. He should at least be allowed the opportunity to explain, which would be denied him if the former course were pursued. A thought in addition to what I have before said, in relation to the partial abrogation of the interdict of New York by Grand Master Lewis, to which you have again called my attention. The suspension of the edict so far as to permit correspondence, was made, not because the Grand Master was satisfied that he was not properly informed in relation to the course of Pennsylvania, but in consequence of the suggestion by Pennsylvania, that he was in error in the view taken by him, and with a view to enquire into the grounds upon which this allegation of error was founded, he opened the way for explanation and enquiry. The results of this act of Grand Master Lewis have shown its wisdom. One of these results is an admission on the part of Pennsylvania of the correctness of the Grand Master's information, in that visitors from New York had been refused admission to the Lodges of that jurisdiction, and upon the very ground that it would be an admission of the regularity of the Grand Lodge of New York under which they hailed. The second is of infinitely more importance, being nothing less than a restoration of that amity and friendship which formerly characterized the intercourse of the two jurisdictions. Much importance is given in your argument to the fact just stated, that Pennsylvania did not admit visitors from either party, *because this would have been an admission of the regularity of the body to which they belonged*, and hence the conclusion is deduced, and a very able argument made to prove, that Pennsylvania was justified in pursuing a course out of which grew the estrangement which resulted therefrom! The argument is that Pennsylvania could not fellowship with Masons from New York until it was decided which body in New York was the regular Grand Lodge, and because Pennsylvania "was no longer in deciding this question than the fraternity in New York themselves," you would argue, indeed you do argue, that the error of Pennsylvania was entirely venial.

You appear to arrive at this conclusion with undoubted confidence in its validity. Let us, my dear sir and brother, hold up this reasoning to the examination of even your own penetrating mind, (for I desire none more so,) and what would it result in? Let us take the hypothesis that the parties in New York should remain in the position they respectively occupied—each claiming to be the Grand Lodge of New York—each confident in the correctness of its own position—each determined to hold that position for all time,—you admit that *we* are Masons, and members of the same great fraternity, you *argue* that the same great fraternity in Pennsylvania are filled with love and friendship toward this jurisdiction. What does this all amount to? Why plainly that New York and Pennsylvania must remain for all time in hostility to each other, with their interests conflicting, their legislation inharmonious and discordant and their constituents jealous, captious and belligerent. Such philosophy, such reasoning and results can never receive the sanction of a well disposed Brotherhood. And who, I pray, my dear sir and brother, has been responsible for the quantum of this pandemonium which has been experienced during the past few years! Most clearly Pennsylvania—in her long delay of action on this very subject. She never has decided who was right or who wrong, and your own high sense of justice, your own magnanimous action has now very likely taken it out of her province ever to decide. That the Grand Lodge of New York has been recognized, and the right hand of fellowship extended to her by Pennsylvania,—these acts being predicated upon the reconciliation which has taken place among ourselves without the aid, coöperation or direction of the latter, afford no apology and make no atonement for the injuries resulting from this long inaction. It is hardly necessary for me to express my acquiescence, my entire concurrence in your opinion that there is no justification for retaliation in Masonic fellowship and fraternity. If this feature of barbarism have any place whatever in the affairs of human society, it is only where the light of Christianity and of Masonry have either never penetrated, or have ceased to shed their mellow radiance upon the minds of men. We have not sought to retaliate, we have only endeavored to defend the fraternity of New York from injustice and destruction. When the prestige of regularity and the sanction of public opinion are withdrawn from a Masonic body it ceases to enjoy the confidence which alone can make it useful to its constituents, or efficient in their government, and the elements of dissolution will thereby work its destruction. Having as I believe though briefly answered all the main positions taken in your last letter, it remains for me only to express to you the joy I feel in the happy results of our correspondence. If the event of our reconciliation—that is the restoration of fellowship between the two jurisdictions, could be celebrated in some appropriate place and manner, I am confident that every member of this vast constituency would unite with us in spirit, if not in voice in offering

up ejaculations of praise and thanksgiving to the God of Peace for this re-union of the fraternity. I subjoin a copy of the proclamation which has been issued by the Grand Master of New York, to the Lodges in this jurisdiction. It is perhaps proper that I should state as one reason for the delay of this proclamation, that the Grand Master was in doubt whether the act of Pennsylvania in adopting the preamble and resolution which accompanied your last letter did not, in connection with our correspondence, *ipso facto* repeal the interdict passed by New York. It was his opinion that it was thereby repealed. Yet a proclamation was drawn, and awaited a conference with his Grand Officers as to the propriety of issuing it, this conference having taken place it is now transmitted. Hoping that I may have the pleasure of making your personal acquaintance, and of rejoicing with you over the consummation of this re-union, I beg to salute you in the bonds of fraternal affection as

Your sincere friend and fraternal brother,

FINDLAY M. KING,
Chm. Com. For. Cor. G. L. of N. Y.

Hon. Richard Vaux, Chm. Com. For. Cor. G. L. of Penna.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

PROCLAMATION.

PENN YAN, February 1, A. L. 5859.

By the Most Worshipful JOHN L. LEWIS, JR., Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

To the Masonic Fraternity of the State of New York and all others whom it may concern:

WHEREAS, on the 5th day of August, 5857, an edict was issued by me, pursuant to a resolution of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, forbidding and interdicting all Masonic intercourse with the Lodges and brethren in the State of Pennsylvania, for reasons therein assigned, which edict was to remain in force and effect only until the recognition of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York by the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania did, on the 20th day of December last past, in a truly Masonic spirit, and in the most fraternal and courteous manner, on a fraternal interchange of opinions and feelings between the Committees on Foreign Correspondence for the respective jurisdictions, adopted certain resolutions recognizing the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and in effect restoring the ancient friendly relations existing between the said Grand Lodges and the Craft, in their respective jurisdictions.

Now, therefore, know ye, that the aforesaid edict, forbidding and interdicting Masonic intercourse between the Lodges and brethren

under the respective jurisdictions of New York and Pennsylvania, is hereby revoked and annulled, and is of no further force or effect, and the resolution of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, upon which said edict was founded, is in like manner declared to be inoperative and void, as the conditions upon which the said resolution was passed have been removed in manner as aforesaid; and we do hereby, as you are directed and required to do, cordially extend to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and to the Lodges and brethren under their jurisdiction, the Right hand of fellowship.

And Whereas, at the last annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, the subject matter of our relations with the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Canada was referred to the Grand Officers, with full power to act in the premises; and Whereas, at a meeting of said Grand Officers such action was taken as fully to recognize the said Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Canada, and the Lodges and brethren under its jurisdiction.

Now, therefore, know ye further, that we do in like manner recognize and acknowledge the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Canada, as a regular and lawful Grand Lodge, and the Lodges and brethren under its jurisdiction, as regular Lodges and regular and highly esteemed Masonic Brethren, and we request you in like manner to extend to them the right hand of fellowship.

Witness my hand and private seal at the place, and on the day and year first above written.

John L. Lewis, Jr., *Grand Master.* [L. S.]

Attest: James M. Austin, *Grand Secretary.*

A true copy: Findlay M. King, *Chm. Com. For. Cor. W. Lodge, N. Y.*

Philadelphia, March 15th, 1859.

Dear Sir and Brother:—Your letter of March 4th in reply to mine of December 21st, 1858, was received this morning, with its enclosure, the proclamation of Right Worshipful Grand Master Lewis. Before I congratulate you, my dear sir and brother, at the result of our official labors, let me in the spirit of sincere personal as well as Masonic regard, say a word or two in answer to your criticisms on our voluminous correspondence. You seem to regard the differences between the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the "two bodies respectively acting" as Grand Lodges of New York, as the result of a design, or at least a predetermination on the part of the former, to create, if not continue, these differences. This is my deduction from the recapitulation of your arguments, disrobed of their classic and poetic garb. Now, my dear brother, the history of the origin and course of these differences, is the best reply to your view of this subject. Let the candid Masonic mind decide. It is the highest and truest tribunal to which we can appeal. The position of Pennsylvania rests on what I have heretofore designated as "a neutrality," a position as to the contestants, not only of Masonic wisdom and propriety, but one which even worldly prudence will justify. While the

issues which divided the craft in New York were local to these two bodies, individual rather to each, involved no question common to Masonic principles, or the organic vitality of the craft, non-intervention, or neutrality was the soundest and safest and most satisfactory line of duty for Pennsylvania to pursue. We may differ, but my deliberate opinion is, that the results which have just now been attained, and the means by which they have been reached, are the demonstrations of the principles and propriety, and indeed the policy which have marked the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. But, my dear sir and brother, the time for argument has gone by. The time for congratulation has come. Let us improve the hour. How much is due to your able and lofty Masonic pen, and spirit, Masonic commonwealths will decide. The craft must acknowledge the indebtedness. It cannot but be a source for deep-seated satisfaction, that you have been the author of those advances which have resulted in the full restoration of cordial Masonic fellowship and friendship between the Grand Lodge of New York and that of Pennsylvania. You have earned the tribute of "well done good and faithful servant." I congratulate you with the sincerity of a beneficiary of the benefits thus attained. In closing this correspondence as I now do, let me first add for the sake of history, that the information you refer to, as having been received by the Right Worshipful Grand Master Lewis, is not correct, at least we here have no knowledge of the existence of any such facts as brother Drew is named as authority for. I have made enquiry on this point and such is the reply of all those here who ought to know, if such facts existed, as reported. It is on the contrary a fact, that at Troy, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, Right Worshipful Grand Master Williamson, at a Grand Lodge held there on the 6th of June 1857, to constitute Trojan Lodge, No. 306, admitted to the said meeting and ceremonies, members of Lodges under the jurisdiction of New York, as Masons. Right Worshipful Grand Master Mitchell has left no record of any such action as you refer to, and I doubt if brother Drew was informed as to the statements he gave to Right Worshipful Grand Master Lewis, from any official source. At all events your letter is the first intimation received here of this printed or written letter of brother Mitchell. I have handed the "proclamation" to our Right Worshipful Grand Master Phillips, who will without delay take such action in the premises as he has been fully authorized to do by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The fact is accomplished, and his official action will be but the announcement of it. I hope our future correspondence, (I by no means regret that now closed, let me assure you,) may be not on "differences," but, on that unity of spirit, purpose, and effort, which I think will ever hereafter mark the united fraternity of our respective jurisdiction.

I beg to salute you as truly and faithfully your friend and brother,

RICHARD VAUX,

Chm. of the Committee of Correspondence, Grand Lodge of Penna.

To Findlay M. King, Esq., Chairman of Committee of Correspondence, Grand Lodge of New York, Port Byron, New York.

PORT BYRON, March 19, 1859.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I beg you to believe that I do not resume my pen to reply to your fraternal and very acceptable letter of the 15th instant, which is just received, with any view to re-open an argument upon any questions heretofore discussed in our correspondence, but to disabuse your mind of an impression which I did not design you should obtain, and which if left without even an effort to remove and with the sanction that tacit acquiescence would imply, might be the seed of future dispute and unpleasant reflections. When it is in my power to prevent it, I should feel much to blame were I to leave even the shadow of a cloud resting upon our peaceful horizon. I would have this horizon marked only with Faith, Hope and Charity, irradiating their effulgence along a vista of unnumbered years in the future, without a peak or crag, or jutting rock to intercept their rays or mar the harmony of the Masonic pathway which they now so happily illuminate. I deduce your impression from the following language, which I find on the first page of your letter of the 15th, viz.: "You seem to regard 'the differences' between the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and 'the two bodies respectively acting' as Grand Lodges of New York, as the result of a design, or at least a predetermination on the part of the former to create if not to continue these differences. This is my deduction from a recapitulation of your arguments, disrobed of their classic and poetic garb." Let me beseech you, my dear sir and brother, to discard this impression; it is a very erroneous one; it implies a belief on our part that Pennsylvania has been capable of being influenced by a policy that was originally and inherently malign. I am sorry that my language will admit of such a construction. Nothing was further from my intention. You have heretofore asseverated that the Masonic heart of Pennsylvania has continually beat with friendly emotions toward New York, and I have before expressed to you, on the strength of these asseverations, my entire confidence in their correctness and truthfulness. I do not, therefore, charge, and do not wish to be understood as intimating, that it was any design, any predetermination on the part of Pennsylvania that caused "the differences" between the two jurisdictions. The acts of which I have spoken as evincing unpleasant feelings towards New York, were but legitimate results, natural consequences of the indecision of Pennsylvania as to which was the regular Grand Lodge of New York. The want of a decision placed that State in a position of very natural antagonism to both organizations in New York. She could regard neither as regular while that question remained undecided, and as a consequence had to treat both as irregular. I deduce these conclusions from your own arguments and regard them as legitimate. All those acts which, *unexplained*, involved questionable motives, and of which I have complained, followed this anomalous position of Pennsylvania, without even being influenced by predetermination or design, and this, as naturally as any effect could follow an adequate cause. A like position on the part of

another Grand Lodge, produced results which, to the extent of its intercourse with this jurisdiction, were precisely the same, and yet I never for an instant supposed that any other than the best of motives influenced that Grand Lodge as a body. I beg you, therefore, to believe me, when I assure you that we attribute neither predetermination or design to the course of Pennsylvania in her relations with New York. Let the distinctions here drawn be kept in view, and there will be no occasion for unpleasant reflections in the future. In regard to the questions of policy, which are for the fraternity in general and for posterity to settle, and upon which we seem to *agree to differ*, in a spirit of generous forbearance, I shall with great pleasure acquiesce in their submission to "the candid Masonic mind to decide." There was almost an immeasurable distance between brother Scott and myself when we commenced this correspondence, but we have since been traveling, converging lines continually, until we have met upon a platform of union and harmony; and the general joy which seems to be felt at this result, justifies the belief that it will endure long after you and I shall have been gathered to the tomb.

I would, if I could in politeness, entirely overlook your too flattering allusion to my connection with this reunion of our Masonic jurisdictions. I can only permit myself to thank you for the estimate you have placed upon my services, and to suggest that there are others in this State who have given effective encouragement to the accomplishment of this great end. I refer to those excellent brethren in New York, who expressed to you their feelings and bade you God speed in the hallowed mission of Peace, in which you were engaged; and I cannot deny myself the happiness of attesting to the approval and encouragement which I have received from the Most Worshipful John L. Lewis, Jr., Grand Master of this State; and then, I cannot persuade myself that our masonic Commonwealths will forget the debt of gratitude that is due to the able, the magnanimous and fraternal minds who have conducted the correspondence and indicated the movements on the part of Pennsylvania, which have resulted in this reunion. I beg to return your language, that to you "the craft must acknowledge the indebtedness." I beg now to conclude my portion of the correspondence with renewing to you the assurances of sincere regard with which I subscribe myself Your friend and brother,

FINDLAY M. KING,
Chairman Com. For. Cor. Grand Lodge of New York.
Hon. Richard Vaux, Chairman Com. For. Cor. Grand Lodge of Pa.

PHILADELPHIA, March 25th, 1859.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—The copy of Right Worshipful Grand Master Phillips' "official proclamation," is herewith transmitted to you. It speaks for itself. Our correspondence, like the interview be-

tween Romeo and Juliet, has been so agreeable, that we say it has closed only for the purpose of thus continuing it.

"Parting is such sweet sorrow,
That (we) shall say good night till it be to-morrow."

One word however at parting. Since you do not desire, or intend to be, understood as imputing to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, any motives for its past action, but such as are the result of true Masonic feeling, governing a policy which it has regarded as resting on sound Masonic principles, the questions to which our correspondence have alluded are abstract questions. The policy then of the course of action adopted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, has been so signally endorsed, by the terms and basis of the "union," agreed upon and confirmed "by the two bodies respectively acting as the Grand Lodges of the State of New York," in June last, that in my opinion, "the candid Masonic mind," if it decides against Pennsylvania, must first condemn "the two bodies respectively acting as Grand Lodges of New York," and their union and its consequences. This cannot be. The wealth, immense constituency and position of the present Grand Lodge of New York, will protect it against such a verdict. If that bulwark will not avert an adverse decision, Pennsylvania must rely on the position she has consistently taken, that when no cardinal Masonic principle is involved, it is better to discourage differences by silence, than foster their vitality by partisan participation in them. But, my dear sir and brother, the darkness of night is gone, and the daylight of a happy and joyous morrow beams upon us. Farewell.

Most truly and sincerely your friend and brother,

RICHARD VAUX, *Ch'n. Com. Cor. G. L. of Pa.*

To Findlay M. King, Esq., Ch'n. Cor. Com. G. L. of N. Y.

OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION.

Office of the Grand Master of "The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging."

PHILADELPHIA, March 21, A. L. 5859.

By the Right Worshipful HENRY M. PHILLIPS, Grand Master of Masons in the State of Pennsylvania.

To the Masonic fraternity of the State of Pennsylvania and all others whom it may concern, GREETING:

Having received official information that the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York has issued his proclamation revoking and annulling, and declaring of no further force and effect, the edict issued by him on the 5th of August, 5857, pursuant to a resolution of the Grand Lodge of the State of New

York, forbidding and interdicting all Masonic intercourse with the Lodges and brethren in the State of Pennsylvania; and the Grand Lodges of the two States having through their respective Committees of Correspondence effectually removed all subjects of difference heretofore existing between the Grand Lodges and brethren of those States, whereby the former fellowship and harmony ought to and may be revived.

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the authority to us belonging, we do hereby declare and make known to you, That all obstacles to the free intercourse and communication between the Masons of New York and yourselves have been removed; and we do hereby most cordially extend to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and to the Lodges and brethren under its jurisdiction, *the right hand of fellowship* and we direct you to do likewise; and you are hereby enjoined and required to receive the brethren of that State who are in good Masonic standing, in like manner as you receive brethren hailing from other jurisdictions, in fellowship and friendship, and to extend to them the rights and privileges to which their Masonic positions entitles them.

Witness the hand and private seal of the Grand Master at the place and on the day and year first above written.

(Signed) HENRY M. PHILLIPS, *Grand Master.*

Attest:

(Signed) WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

It will be observed after perusing this correspondence, that in reality at this time, there is no vital Masonic difficulty existing between the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and that in New York. The conduct and policy of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has been nobly vindicated by the action of the "two bodies respectively acting as the Grand Lodge of New York." If after so long a period of controversy, the craft in New York have now finally agreed, that there were two bodies, both claiming to be, and acting as, the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, during all this time, and that by an act of union, whereby each has been placed on an equality of independence and right but one now exists; the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in not deciding for either, and therefore against neither, has hereby done no Masonic wrong, committed no error, and been guilty of no harsh action, or veiled her Masonic conduct under no inconsistency, or cause for regret. If she held a flag of truce over these contestants for principles of Masonry common to these disputants, though belonging to the craft; she did not veil her charity, her kindness of Masonic feeling, her Brotherly Love, and her desire that all true Masons should dwell together in unity and harmony. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has never yet had occasion to call on the Masonic world, to decide which fraction of her fraternity

was entitled to the benefits, and name, and power, and privileges of the whole. She trusts in the God of peace, she never may. The correspondence above set out demonstrates that the great body of the Masonic family in both jurisdictions are anxious for the prompt and final settlement of this vexed and unfortunate question. It further shows, that Masonic charity and kind feeling exists among the craft towards each other. It indisputably proves, that the error made by the Grand Lodge of New York in promulgating that interdict, has been in part acknowledged, and so far remedied. That it was originally based on a misconception of a fact, in attributing to the opinions expressed by one individual, the solemn sanction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, we think clear. This correspondence also indicates, that the Grand Lodge of New York, since the act of union and settlement of its intestine differences, has made a highly honorable advance towards a position for mutual accommodation with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The circular of November 1, 1858, addressed to this Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of New York, and by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, read, and referred to this Committee of Correspondence, places both Grand Lodges in the position of mutual official relations. Now the only real difficulty in the case seems to be, shall the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania acknowledge the only one existing Grand Lodge in the State of New York, on the receipt of this circular of November 1, 1858; or, shall it insist on the removal of the remainder of the interdict, which Grand Master Lewis has partially rescinded. In this state of the Masonic relations between the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the Grand Lodge of New York, the following resolution offered by Brother J. S. Riley, at the Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, held September 6, 1858, was referred to your Committee:

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, HELD AT THE HALL, CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA, SEPTEMBER 6TH, 1858—A. L. 5858.

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Brother Joseph S. Riley offered the following preamble and resolution, which was on motion referred to the Committee on Correspondence:—

WHEREAS, We see by the published proceedings of the present Grand Lodge of the State of New York, that all the former difficulties between the two recent Grand Lodges in that jurisdiction have been amicably arranged and settled—and now there remains no longer any good reason why the fraternal intercourse should not be renewed in all its fullness and freedom, therefore be it

Resolved, That all the Lodges in this jurisdiction be relieved from the disability of denying admission to our New York brethren.

(Extract from the Minutes.)

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

RICHARD VAUX, ESQ., *Chairman.*

It will, no doubt, be difficult to harmonize the views of all the members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania as to the course of action to be taken at this time on this subject. The questions which strongly and finally present themselves now are, what do the true teachings of pure Masonic charity, and the dictates of an enlightened magnanimity, and the reciprocity of kindly feelings, and the advances for mutual accommodation by the Grand Lodge of New York, require of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania? Your Committee believe that no body of men or Masons, was ever in a position in which they can with more propriety and truth and justice say, that their "jurisdiction does not need that its every movement should be treated with that cautious respect which a struggle to maintain a sovereign position has a tendency to produce." Our unity as an institution, and a jurisdiction, is a fixed fact, it has never been other than a harmonious fraternity. If we are conscious of the right, satisfied with our course of kindness towards the craft in New York, have an abiding faith in the principles of our Order, and lend a willing and obedient ear to its sublime teachings; we can without the least diminution of our self-respect, go as far as the brethren of New York towards a settlement of this remnant of difference between us. Let us then be neither ashamed nor afraid to be magnanimous, if our magnanimity will tend to the unity, peace and concord of the brethren of one great household of an ancient and a common faith. Let us each yield some of our individual opinions, for the advancement of the best interests of a fraternity, which united, will secure these interests, but if longer separated may make union, not possibly a work of love. Your Committee cannot close this report without expressing the opinion, that the correspondence of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge should be placed in the charge of a committee, the members of which after consenting to serve, may be as little liable to change as propriety will permit. Great disadvantage results from the duties being devolved on brethren, who for the first time are required to examine the voluminous reports of proceedings and transactions of sister Grand Lodges. Much that appears in these reports are continuations of subjects which former reports contained, or which were first considered at an earlier period. The labor of investigating these subjects from their introduction to the notice of the Grand Lodge, is far too great, to enable new members of the Committee of Correspondence to do justice to themselves or the Grand Lodge. Your Committee have noticed thus generally, all the subjects, the importance of which was deemed as requiring it, which the various reports of the Grand Lodges received, contain. In conclusion we wish the fraternity everywhere, peace, concord, unity and prosperity; and that devotion to the true interests of Masonry, which can only be seen and cultivated, by the light and teachings that are within the temple.

Respectfully submitted,

R. VAUX, *On behalf of Committee.*

The preamble and resolutions accompanying the Report of the Committee of Correspondence, were read, and after being slightly amended, were adopted, as follows:

WHEREAS, differences heretofore existing between the "two bodies respectively acting as the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York," having been settled; and the "act of union" between the said bodies having, on the 1st day of November, A. D. 1858—A. L. 5858, "been fully consummated."

AND WHEREAS, there is in the possession of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania true Masonic information, received from the R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York, that but one Grand Lodge now exists in that jurisdiction.

Therefore Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania extends the right hand of fellowship to the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York, rejoicing at the same time that peace and harmony dwell within her borders; that the voice of a stranger to Masonic union is no longer to be heard at her portals; and that her prosperity is about again to flow as a river to the invigoration and strength of a united and contented fraternity.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, be directed to transmit to the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York, a copy of this preamble and resolutions.

[From "Abstract of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, A. D. 1858, A. L. 5858. Philadelphia. King & Baird, Printers, 607 Sansom Street. 1859."]

The Right Worshipful Grand Master, Henry M. Phillips, has made the following

OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION.

Office of the Grand Master of "The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging."

PHILADELPHIA, March 21st, A. L. 5859.

By the Right Worshipful HENRY M. PHILLIPS, Grand Master of Masons in the State of Pennsylvania.

To the Masonic Fraternity of the State of Pennsylvania and all others whom it may concern, GREETING:

Having received official information that the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, has issued his proclamation revoking and annulling and declaring of no further force and effect, the edict issued by him on the 5th of August, 5857, pursuant to a resolution of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, forbidding and interdicting all Masonic intercourse with the

Lodges and brethren in the State of Pennsylvania; and the Grand Lodges of the two States, having, through their respective Committees of Correspondence, effectually removed all subjects of difference heretofore existing between the Grand Lodges and brethren of those States, whereby the former fellowship and harmony ought to and may be revived.

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the authority to us belonging, we do hereby declare and make known to you, that all obstacles to the free intercourse and communication between the Masons of New York and yourselves have been removed, and we do hereby most cordially extend to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and to the Lodges and brethren under its jurisdiction, the right hand of fellowship, and we direct you to do likewise. And you are hereby enjoined and required to receive the brethren of that State, who are in good Masonic standing, in like manner as you receive brethren hailing from other jurisdictions, in fellowship and friendship, and to extend to them the rights and privileges to which their Masonic positions entitle them.

Witness the hand and private seal of the Grand Master at the place and on the day and year first above written.

[SEAL] HENRY M. PHILLIPS, *Grand Master.*

Attest: WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

APPENDIX J.

[From "Report of the Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund. King & Baird, Printers, Sansom St., Philada."]

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Extra Grand Communication,

Held December 20th, 1858, A. L. 5858.

A report of the Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, for the past, was read and approved; and on motion, the following was adopted: *Resolved*, That one thousand copies of the foregoing report, together with the report of the previous year be printed for distribution among the several Lodges under this jurisdiction. (Extract from the Minutes.)

WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF ALMONERS OF THE GRAND LODGE CHARITY FUND.

PHILADELPHIA, December 1st, 1857.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

In compliance with the provisions of the 4th section of the 7th article of By-laws of the "Grand Lodge Charity Fund," the undersigned respectfully submits the annual report of the receipts and expenditures of the "Board of Almoners" for the past year. The several appropriations made by the Trustees of the "Grand Lodge Charity Fund," for distribution by the Board of Almoners since report made in December, 1856, amounts in all to the sum of $1,150 00

Add to which balance in hand, December 1st, 1856	194 47	
		$1,344 47
The disbursements by the Board have been as follows, to wit:		
On 79 applications from widows of deceased brethren	$1,087 00	
On 15 applications from daughters of deceased brethren	180 00	
On 1 application from mother of deceased brother,	15 00	
Making total am'nt expended		1,282 00
Leaving a balance for distribution, to the 1st Tuesday in Jan. 1858		$62 47

The sum thus appropriated was distributed as follows, to wit:

To widows and orphans of members of Lodges contributing to the fund	$770 00
To do. of Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Penn.	250 00
To the Lodges located in the United S.	182 00
To " " " Ireland	35 00
To " " " Canada	25 00
To " " " Prussia	10 00
To " " " England	10 00
Total amount as above	$1,282 00

It will thus be seen that $770.00 has been distributed amongst the widows and orphans of members who belonged to Lodges contributing directly to this Fund, and 512 to other worthy applicants who were entitled to our sympathy and relief. By the of my worthy predecessor at the head of the Board of Almoners the previous year, after stating that only twelve Lodges out of the thirty-four meeting within the bounds of the city had acceded to the provisions of this noble and praiseworthy benefaction, he enumerates a number of objections on the part of non-accepting Lodges, which he considered it inexpedient to discuss the merits of any of those, doubtless well-meant objections. It is also our intention not to enter the arena of controversy in order to endeavor to refute these dissenting opinions. These Lodges are entitled to our deference and respect, and have a right to their own adverse sentiments. But we shall merely take the liberty to advert to one of these expressed objections, viz.: "That some Lodges have ample means to support their own poor, and therefore prefer to dispense their charities in their own Lodges." This may be a correct view, as applied to particular cases of distress, but as regards its entire application to, we think, a wise and judicious system of general charity, to all widows, orphans, &c., of deceased Brothers; especially where the reputation for acts of charity of the whole Fraternity is involved, we beg leave to differ in respect to the reasonableness or correctness of such an opinion, and for two important reasons. *First*, It is admitted that *Charity* is the leading cardinal principle of our Order, and, *Secondly*, That the Grand Lodge Charity Fund is a safe and fast accumulating one, and calculated to do much good to the widows and their dependents of deceased Brothers, at a remote distance, as well as those under our own immediate jurisdiction. Would, therefore any Lodge imbued with the holy principles of Free Masonry act the part of the "Good Samaritan" honestly and sincerely within the confines of its own walls, and at the same time withhold the hand of relief from a worthy object because removed from its jurisdiction? Such a

course by any Lodge may be deemed by the unlimited "All-Seeing Eye," that this Lodge had wrapped a cloak of selfishness close about its precincts, and beheld with cold indifference the urgent wants of those situated at a distance, who looked up to the whole Order as a unit, for sympathy, protection, relief. Our pure and righteous Brother of ancient Judea, condemned the Pharisee for being self-conspicuous in his Almsgiving, and he also said, "Let not thy left hand know what thy right doeth." Thereby enjoining secrecy and delicacy in our kind attentions to all objects of charity. Hence, when the stream of Charity is benign and pure, it would be better that it should flow from one single fount, inasmuch as its numerous little rills of beneficence would be guided, directed, and dispensed by one responsible and controlling power; and also, inasmuch, we believe, as all charities in our Fraternity should be bestowed in such a manner, that the recipients should not be known to any one save the "Great Author of all Good," and to those who are honored with the charge of the matter. There are many intelligent and sensitive persons, however necessitous, who feel a delicacy and repugnance in receiving Charity, which has been paraded canvassed around the Lodges. Let us in all cases of want and distress be sure to act with kindness and love, and with sympathies of unadulterated good-will, where the heart of commiseration and the hand of relief are necessary, and then Charity is twice blessed—it blesses him that gives. and him that receives. It is unnecessary in this report to show the value and importance of the "Grand Lodge Charity Fund" to Ancient Free Masonry. Such has already been elaborately unfolded in the quarterly report of the Trustees having charge of it. Having submitted the preceding statement of the conditional resources of the Charity Fund, with a few brief comments in illustration of its practical and beneficial design, the Board of Almoners would stop at this point, without occupying more of your time and attention, were it not for the apprehension that they would commit an injustice to their own deep anxiety and solicitude for the full and permanent establishment of this beneficent enterprise, or compromise, in some measure, the duty which they owe to the Order, and those unfortunate dependants who rest their hopes of succor upon this protecting arm in time of need. Impressed with the vital importance of the Godlike movement, the Board of Almoners, are constrained to say a few words more in argument of the salutary workings of this Charity Fund, which they had a favorable opportunity to observe the last year. The Board have the most earnest desire to remove, if possible, any prejudice or hostility existing in the minds of the members of the non-co-operating Lodges of this City. We wish them to have them awakened to a more friendly and liberal consideration of the merits of this Fund, and accordingly acquiesce in the advancement of the Institution. For this purpose, and this alone, we are candid and honest in our endeavor to secure the approval and support of all our brothers of dissenting Lodges. We therefore invite

them to participate with us in this good work, and we feel satisfied that they will ultimately rejoice in having taken such a step. The principle adopted in the original formation of the "Charity Fund," if faithfully carried out in letter and spirit, cannot but convince the most skeptical of its even-handed justice and its beneficial results, for a union of all the City Lodges in this sacred cause, must necessarily produce a vast deal of substantial benefit to a deserving portion of our Fraternity. We are confident that if all the Lodges within the limits of the City were to unite in this good work of charity by contributing their proportion for its aid and prosperity, with their representatives with us one term, they would be convinced of its great utility and necessity, and will cast aside all opposition to the principle laid down in its organization, and would ever after give it their co-operation and support. Such a united purpose is a consummation devoutly wished, and will, if accomplished, give much strength and efficiency to this branch of the Order—advance it to a high and honorable position, and place it in the front rank of usefulness. Then why object? Why hold back? Why prefer to secure all your resources in your own coffers and march in detached bands and decline to advance in a solid phalanx against the attacks of adversity which may assist those of us in need from every quarter of the globe? If all the Lodges were contributors to this Fund, with the annual contribution of the Grand Lodge, ($3,000) which was so ably reported by worthy predecessor in December last, in less than ten years a fund would be created, that the interest thereon would be sufficient to meet all the applications for relief under ordinary circumstances, leaving only the extreme cases of distress to be attended to by individual Lodges. To obviate one difficulty which has been suggested as an objection to the Charity Fund, that none but Past Masters can hold a seat in the "Board of Almoners" a request will be made to the Grand Lodge to so amend the law, that each Lodge so contributing to the Fund shall be entitled to two representatives, one only of whom is required to be a Past Master. This, we presume, can be effected without difficulty, and when attained, will doubtless satisfy all complaints. In conclusion, we do hope and trust that all dissenting Lodges, at least in this city, will take a "sober second thought"—return to their "first love" of the righteous principles of Freemasonry—embrace the laudable design indicated by the establishment of this "Charity Fund," and in one indissoluble bond of brotherhood, make the "widow's heart *everywhere* to sing for joy" and the orphan to rise up and call them blessed." Our chief incentive to virtuous action should be a sincere love for our kindred race, and to guard the destitute against the "grievous ills that flesh is heir to, and our reward will be more satisfactory than man can offer.

Fraternally yours, &c.,

PETER FRITZ, *Pres't of Board of Almoners of Grand Lodge.*

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1st, 1858.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

In accordance with the provisions of the 4th section of the By-laws of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, the undersigned, in behalf of the Board of Almoners, submits the following as their annual report of the transactions of the past year. The appropriations made to the Trustees for distribution during the year amounts to the sum of $1,322 18
To which add balance in hand as per last report.. 62 47

Making a total of..... $1,384 65

The disbursements of the Board are as follows, to wit:

On 106 applications from widows of deceased brothers	$1,235 00	
On 10 applications from daughters of deceased brothers	110 00	
On application from a mother of deceased brother,	10 00	
Incidental expenses, (Stationery).....	15 00	
	$1,370 00	
Leaving a balance in hand for distribution to January 1st, 1859.....	14 65	
		$1,384 65

The sum appropriated was distributed as follows:

To widows, orphans and mothers of members of Lodges contributing to the Fund.....	$450 00	
To do., etc. Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	495 00	
To Lodges located in the United States.....	270 00	
" " " Ireland	70 00	
" " " Belgium	40 00	
" " " Grenada	20 00	
" " " Prussia	10 00	
To Bills of Stationery.....	15 00	
		$1,370 00

The above Statement discloses the fact that this Fund has been distributed in the true spirit of Masonic Fraternity. The charities of the Board are not confined to applications coming from those whose husbands or parents have been members of contributing Lodges, as you will see by the record that more than two-thirds of the money appropriated has been paid on applications not connected with contributing Lodges. The Board of Almoners had hoped that the statement made in their last annual report, expressing their views of the importance, as well as the advantages to be derived by the Fraternity, in continuance of their support to this laudable

institution, (from which so much distress has been alleviated,) would have met with that consideration which the importance of the subject, in their view, merited. They therefore deem it unnecessary to again present an elaborate report, will induce them to join with and co-operate with the Lodges, who have continued to give their support up to the present period, and who are of the opinion that it is one of the best Institutions established under the sanction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Fraternally submitted by

PETER FRITZ, *Pres't of Board of Almoners of Grand Lodge.*

APPENDIX K.

[From "Decisions of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Printed for the Information of the Brethren. Philadelphia. B. Franklin Jackson, Printer. 1856."]

DECISIONS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

JUNE 5, 1826.—*Resolved*, That the price of a Grand Lodge Certificate be, and it is hereby reduced to two dollars.

MARCH 16, 1829.—Committee report that a Lodge has the right to summons for the purpose of installation, or any other purpose vitally affecting its interests or the interest of any of its members—in accordance with the Ahiman Rezon, page 196.

JUNE 1, 1829.—*Resolved*, That no Lodge in the country, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be allowed to have a Masonic procession, without first obtaining the consent of the District Deputy Grand Master, under whose supervision they are governed.

JUNE 3, 1839.—*Resolved*, That the Lodge dues and other revenues of the Grand Lodge shall be paid directly to the Grand Treasurer, who shall keep duplicate receipts of all moneys received by him as Treasurer, which duplicate receipts shall be attested by the person or persons paying the same; or when dues shall be received by mail, the letter enclosing the same shall be the voucher for such receipt; and that all appropriations shall be paid by the Grand Treasurer, under the usual restrictions, in every case by a check on the bank in which the Treasurer's account is kept, drawn to the order of the person or persons, or his or their legal attorney or attorneys, to whom the appropriations are payable; and that all moneys now in the hands of others than the Grand Treasurer, shall be paid to him as Treasurer, and receipted for as aforesaid.

DECEMBER 2, 1839.—*Resolved*, That a yearly salary of two hundred dollars be paid to the Grand Treasurer.

MARCH 6, 1843.—The Grand Officers, a committee to whom was referred the petition of a number of brethren in relation to an election for officers, reported: That the election in December last was set aside, the same having been conducted contrary to their By-Laws and the Constitution of the Grand Lodge; and the said Lodge was directed to hold another election for officers at their next stated meeting. The reasons for the above decision are obvious—The By-Laws of a Lodge are sacred, and may not be set aside at will; on this occasion they seem, by common consent, to have been disregarded. To sanction the Election under such circumstances would be, in

effect, to encourage the Lodge in the violation of its own By-Laws, a step which no good Mason could approve, and the strictness of the Order will not permit the Committee to adopt. It is the special and bounden duty of the Worshipful Master of a Lodge to enforce the By-Laws; yet how often does a false delicacy prevent him from so doing—when the question is one of a pecuniary nature, he should permit them on no account to be infringed. If a Brother, who is able, neglects to comply with them, the fault is his own, and he should not complain. If a Brother is unable to pay, the Lodge has the power to relieve him, and on proper representation will remit. The Committee notice with regret, the too prevailing neglect in the Lodges under this jurisdiction to enforce (when there is ability in a Brother to liquidate his Dues) the salutary provision in the By-Laws pre-requisite to the exercise of the privileges of suffrage, a requisition wisely intended by our Masonic ancestors to supply the Fountain of Charity, and effectually promote the noblest object of the Masonic family. So far as the officers of the Grand Lodge have the power to put a stop to this evil, (a growing one,) its exercise may be looked upon as certain, for in every case in which the matter is presented for their consideration, the By-Laws will be maintained; and all practices contrary to their spirit and letter meet with no favor. Complaints by those who may feel themselves aggrieved, should be made in reasonable time and according to the rules of the Order, otherwise the chance of redress will be considerably diminished. In every instance when a violation of the By-Laws is permitted by the W. M. of a Lodge, a protest should be promptly entered at the time, and notice given of an intention to apply to the Grand Lodge, and this application should be presented in form, at the Quarterly Communication succeeding the occurrence; the case then coming up will be fresh for investigation, and the facts be of easy access. The action of the Grand Officers, so far as the same may be invoked by the Grand Lodge, will be equally prompt and decisive—their duty is a plain and simple one, to preserve the Land-Marks of the Order, and frown upon every attempt to violate and oppose them. They would be unworthy of the exalted posts they occupy, if, for the sake of convenience or any false notion of expediency, they countenance, in a single instance, a departure from the written or unwritten law. It appeared also, in the course of this examination, that some of the Lodges are in the habit, at the Meetings for Election, of setting aside, by vote, the article in their By-Laws requiring the payment of Dues previous to voting; this course is fully as reprehensible as the other, if not more so, and at war with the principles of the Order. The practice also of admitting Members by the Junior Warden, when the Lodge is called off to prepare for the Election, is improper, because Members are admitted contrary to the Constitution, which says, "No Member can be admitted without the knowledge and consent of the Worshipful Master;" and in many instances the Members so admitted are permitted to vote

without paying their Dues, as the Dues are collected previous to going into the Election. The Lodges so acting, deliberately practice a wrong, as must be apparent to every Brother;—a course so pernicious in its effects, and striking at the prosperity of the Order, should at once be abandoned, and never permitted to occur again.

SEPTEMBER 4, 1843.—*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Committee, publications in relation to Masonry are inexpedient, and that they therefore decline examining the Book referred to in resolution of June 5th, 1843.* Approved by Grand Lodge.

SEPTEMBER 4, 1843.—*Resolved*, That petitions asking a remission of Dues, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

OCTOBER 16, 1843.—*To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:*—The Officers of the Grand Lodge, to whom was referred the Memorial and Appeal of Brother —— —— of Lodge No. — at ——, respectfully report, that the said Brother protests against the action of —— Lodge No. — in the premises, and claims the interference of the Grand Lodge upon two grounds: First, That he was not guilty of such conduct as made him liable to the Masonic action of the Lodge. And Second, That he had no summons which he was bound Masonically to notice, and his expulsion was therefore unjustifiable, and contrary to Masonic usage. Thus appealed to by the complaining Brother, and called upon to settle a question as to form, the decision upon the second point being in his favor, all enquiry into the merits of the case is rendered unnecessary, and the Committee refrain from examining the same, or expressing any opinion thereon. By the records of the Lodge it appears that charges of un-Masonic conduct were made against the Brother at a stated meeting, held on the 13th day of April, 1843, and a committee appointed by resolution to investigate the facts, after giving him notice, take testimony and make report of their proceedings, and the testimony taken to a special meeting, to be held that night two weeks. At the special meeting which was held on the 25th of April, 1843, the committee reported, that they had notified Brother ——, under date of the 15th, to attend before them on the Saturday evening following, the 22d of April, at the Lodge room at 7 o'clock, P. M., as at that time they would proceed under their appointment to inquire into the truth of the charges preferred against him; which notice was sent to Brother ——, by the Tyler, and served upon him the day of its date. This committee further reported, that Brother —— did not attend at the time and place as notified, and that they proceeded to take testimony, which testimony accompanied their report. At this meeting the further consideration of the report was, on motion of a Brother, fixed for the next stated meeting, the evening of the 15th of May, and the Secretary directed to give Brother —— special notice that he would then be heard in explanation and in defence of said charges.

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*Davis' Masonic Monitor.

The Notice given by the Secretary is as follows:

"—— Lodge, No. —, May 10th, 1843.

"BROTHER ——.

"You are requested to meet the Brethren of —— Lodge, No. —, at their Hall, this evening, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Charges are preferred against you for un-Masonic conduct, in having represented to Brother Masons, as a Mason, things to be true which at the time you knew were not true, and afterwards acknowledged were not so. Of which the committee appointed in the case have made report thereof to the Lodge.

"You are therefore summoned to attend to answer said charges in the matter whereof you are concerned.

"By order of the W. M.

"(Signed) —— —— *Secretary.*"

At the stated meeting in May this matter was called up, when the Secretary reported, that he had given notice as above set forth to Brother ——. That Brother was not present, but sent in his resignation, which the W. M. very properly declined receiving in the then stage of the enquiry: when after reading the Preamble, Resolutions and Charges, the report of the Committee, and Testimony taken, Brother —— was, upon motion made and seconded, Expelled for un-Masonic Conduct and Contemptuous Treatment of the Lodge. The Penalty of expulsion from the Masonic body is the severest known to the practice of the Order. The disgrace which ensues is widely spread and as lasting as time. When such consequences result from its infliction, nothing short of the clearest proof of error and guilt, and a stern sense of justice should induce an appeal to its power. While a hope of reclamation remains, an erring Brother should have the door left open for his return; it should only be closed upon him when all admonition has failed, and hope itself ceased to exist—and when closed, every Brother should take care that it is done in a Masonic *spirit* and according to Masonic *form.—In a Masonic spirit,* because personal prejudices and resentments should never be permitted to operate at the ballot box—in a *Masonic form,* so that right may be done according to the land-marks of the Order, and the banished Brother feel that no part of its rules has been violated, that Justice swayed in all and crowned the whole. That Brother —— received notice is not denied by him, but he objects, That he did not receive Masonic notice; and here the Committee agrees with him. The objection may be looked upon as technical, if such a term can be known to Masonry; still he is entitled to the benefit of it. Nor can the Committee deny it to him—for to yield here would be to introduce a precedent that might be hurtful hereafter. The Masonic Institution, substantially one of Charity, is strengthened by *forms:* these constitute the chain which has kept it together in times past, and must continue to preserve it in all time to come. Let but one link be broken, and who can tell how far that

chain may be unravelled. The duty of a Brother to attend the summons of his Lodge is not denied; nor can any Mason, having a proper sense of such duty, fail to obey it. What constitutes that summons is another question, and here the Committee wish to be explicit—The Master of a Lodge cannot, of his own motion, summon a Brother—this must be done by the action of the Lodge itself, upon a motion made, seconded and adopted. What is the evidence of such action? A copy of the resolution under the seal of the Lodge, signed by the Master and attested by the Secretary. This is the true Masonic evidence. A summons so prepared and duly served, would be a regular summons. Here the Lodge had a seal, but it was not attached, nor does it appear from the notice served by the Secretary and signed by him alone, that he referred to any resolution of the Lodge, calling upon Brother —— to appear before it. Indeed from a careful examination of their report, it does not appear that such a resolution, in *form* was passed, and without it there could not have been any regular Masonic summons served upon a Brother. The Lodge, in the opinion of the Committee on the report of its Committee of Investigation, should have adopted a resolution, summoning the Brother to appear at a certain time before that Committee, or the Lodge, caused a copy of the same, signed by the Master, and attested by the Secretary under the seal of the Lodge, to be served upon the Brother, and on proof of such service, and the Brother failing to appear, to have proceeded to his expulsion. All this may be looked upon as *form*, but it is *form*, having deliberation and justice in view. It is intended to give every opportunity to the accused to explain, modify, defend or justify as his case requires. As in a criminal proceeding, the forms of law are never overlooked, however gross may be the crime of the offender, so in Masonic action, the rules of the Craft should be scrupulously observed, deeply committed as a Brother may have been in his violations of the duties of the Order. Better, far better in every case, that the offending party should escape, than that fixed and settled principles should be made to yield, that he might be punished and disgraced. The Committee observe too, that while the original charges against the Brother were for un-Masonic Conduct, the resolution for expelling him states, That his contemptuous treatment of the Lodge, subsequently to the presentation of those charges, is one of the causes of his expulsion. Of this the Brother certainly had no notice, as will appear from a perusal of the Secretary's communication. The Lodge therefore expelled him for an act which was not regularly made a charge against him by any Brother, and which he had no opportunity of explaining away, and in this particular were certainly wrong, admitting that they had observed every form in regard to the original accusations and proceedings thereon. The Committee therefore offer the following resolutions: *Resolved*, That the proceedings of —— Lodge, No. —, of ——, so far as regards the expulsion of Brother ——, be, and the same are hereby set aside and annulled, it appearing upon the face of the record of the said Lodge,

and by production of the notice, to which exception has been taken by the said Brother, That he was not summoned to appear, answer, and defend the charges preferred against him, according to Masonic Usage and Custom, and the Land-marks of the Order. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish a copy of the Report of the Committee and the Resolutions attached thereto duly authenticated, to —— Lodge No. —, at ——. Respectfully submitted.

OCTOBER 16, 1843.—*Resolved*, That all subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, shall hold their meetings and transact all business, except the conferring of the lower degrees, lecturing thereon, and election for officers, in a Lodge of Master Masons.

MARCH 4, 1844.—The following Report having been read and adopted was, on motion duly made and seconded, *Resolved* that a copy be transmitted to all the Grand Lodges who are in correspondence with this Grand Lodge, viz.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

The Grand Officers, to whom was referred the communication from Brother John Dove, President of the Convention of Grand Lodges, assembled at Baltimore in May last, forwarded under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, respectfully report, That they have carefully examined the said Communication, and given the subject to which it refers their most serious attention, and cannot but regret, that the action of the Grand Lodges, in the Convention alluded to, should have resulted in the production of a work so calculated to prejudice the Order of Masonry. After several efforts to get up a Convention of the Grand Lodges of the different States of the Union, one was held at Baltimore, in the month of May last. Although this Grand Lodge was appealed to, and asked to take part in that Convention, she declined doing so, as it was not apparent to her that any good could spring from it. She carefully kept aloof, and so far has every reason to congratulate herself upon the wisdom of her course. In the answer which she returned, positively refusing to unite in any such Convention, she assumed the ground that Masonry, like the laws of the Medes and Persians, "altereth not," and as it was co-extensive with the nations of the earth, existing beneath all climates, and more or less known to nearly every race, nothing short of a representation from each and all should attempt to revise the system—a modification to suit one quarter of the world or a particular class of people would not answer for another: and from its being a primitive and enduring bond of universal association, an attempt at change would resolve it into chaos, and the Land-marks of the Order be obliterated for ever. To the latter we are bound to cling by our love for the Institution and by every obligation of duty; watching with jealous eyes and opposing hands, every effort at innovation, resolved that the "Ark of our Covenant" shall float in its beauty, simplicity and truth, upon the stream of Time into the

ocean of Eternity. In this Convention, fifteen Grand Lodges were represented. They proceeded to investigate and canvas the several modes of work practiced by themselves, and agreed upon a system by which the *whole* should be regulated, and with a view to its dissemination resolved to publish in the name of the Convention, a *Tressel-Board or Hieroglyphic Monitor*, which should represent the true work and be the means of dispersing, as they thought, the spurious publications extant. This duty devolved upon Brother Dove, of Virginia, Brother Moore, of Massachusetts, and Brother Carnagy, of Missouri. They agreed upon the outlines and separated; but the work, before being put to press, was to meet with Brother Dove's approbation. The book however found its way into the world, in violation of this understanding between the members of the Committee, and in the language of Brother Dove, "It is the most offensive, ridiculous, and objectionable book upon Masonry it had ever fallen to his lot to peruse, and in scarcely one feature to be recognized as having the most remote resemblance to the work of the Convention." It is clear, therefore, that the attempt by this body to establish a uniform system of work has resulted in the production of a publication under its auspices, calculated to do vast injury to the Masonic Fraternity, and the *evil effects* of which, no steps which that or any other Masonic Body can now take will entirely avoid. The book may drive out of circulation other works only to supply their places with one of a more objectionable character. So far as publications go they have been uniformly reprobated by this Grand Lodge. The door once opened it would be difficult to foresee the closing of it. Besides, the interests of the Craft do not require them, and it would be well if an end could be put to this evil. The Ahiman Rezon is a sufficient text book, and furnishes all that is desirous to be known out of the Lodge. As a standard it gives what is wanting with respect to the spirit and object of Masonry. As to the forms, these are for the Lodge alone—within its walls, to be sacredly kept from the eyes and ears of the uninitiated, cherished by the memory and enshrined in the heart of every Brother. As this Grand Lodge was not represented in the Baltimore Convention, she does not fall within the instructions given to Brother Dove in the resolution authorizing him to address Circulars, requesting the Grand Lodges there represented, to unite with the Grand Lodge of Virginia, in suppressing the further circulation of the *Tressel-Board*, nor can the Committee conceive why, except for the sake of abundant caution, Brother Dove should send a Circular to this Grand Lodge; they therefore do not perceive the necessity of any action in the premises, and submit merely the following resolution, as expressive of the sense of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on this interesting subject. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge has always taken a decided stand against all publications on the subject of Masonry—particularly as to its forms and ceremonies, and from the proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia, held on the 11th of December, 1843,

she is the more fully convinced of the propriety of her course in regard thereto. Respectfully submitted.

JUNE 1, 1846.—*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania recognize the propriety, and establish as a principle for her future government, the necessity of having at least five subordinate Lodges to constitute a district, and be entitled to the privilege of a Deputy Grand Master.

DECEMBER 7, 1846.—*Resolved*, That it is competent to any Committee appointed by the R. W. Grand Master as a committee of the Grand Lodge, to make any rules for the government and regulation of the proceedings of said committee; if such rules shall not be in opposition to, or at variance with, the Constitution and By-Laws of the R. W. Grand Lodge.

DECEMBER 7, 1846.—Committee report that they decline reviving the charters of Lodges No. — and No. —, believing that in no instance should such a revival be granted, where the Warrant, Books, and Papers of a Lodge have not been returned in conformity to the regulations of the Ahiman Rezon, page 166.

SEPTEMBER 6, 1847.—*Resolved*, That the only mode by which a Brother can be deprived of rights and privileges, is by expulsion or suspension after notice and trial. For mode of proceeding, notice and trial, see page 6.

MARCH 5, 1849.—*Resolved*, That when an unfavorable report is made by the Committee, and that Report is acccepted, it is equivalent to a black ball, and no ballot is necessary. (Corroborated by Report of Committee on Land-marks—adopted September 3, 1849.) *Resolved*, That an unfavorable Report of a Committee on a petition for initiation and membership, is a rejection of the candidate, and that he should be so returned by the Lodge to the Grand Lodge, stating in the return that the Committee Report unfavorably.

DECEMBER 17, 1849.—*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge approve of the action of Franklin Lodge, No. 134, regarding the use of their warrant to open an Encampment of Knights Templar.

JULY 1, 1850.—*Resolved*, That the R. W. G. Lodge be requested to grant authority to the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund to make such alterations in the By-Laws for the government of the Stewards as to enable them to fix the hour of meeting of the Board, and also determine the number that shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; and also to meet on its own adjustment. Adopted.

JULY 1, 1850.—The following resolution was brought before the Grand Lodge, but no action was taken thereon, viz. *Resolved*, That in future the approbation of the members of a subordinate Lodge to a dispensation be ascertained by ballot, as in case of a petitioning candidate. This resolution caused considerable discussion; when Past Grand Master Brother B. Newcomb was appealed to, and his opinion was given as follows, viz.: That a dispensation merely does away with the time required by the By-Laws of the Lodge and the

rules of Masonry, (and in only very urgent or pressing cases,) but it required the approbation of the Lodge to be given with unanimity, and that the usual mode is to take the voice of the Lodge; but to ballot in a case of this kind is contrary to ancient usage, and never has been so done to the best of his recollection.

NOVEMBER 1, 1852.—*Resolved*, That so much of the regulations contained in the Ahiman Rezon as relates to a discontinuance of the practice of the Grand Lodge rising at the entrance of P. G. Masters be, and it is hereby repealed.

JUNE 7, 1852.—The following Report from a Committee appointed on Regalia, &c., was read, and the resolutions thereto attached, adopted. *To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.* The Committee appointed to report upon the appropriate regalia of the Subordinate Lodges, in attending to the duty assigned them, find a great want of uniformity to exist among the various Lodges; there being the most marked differences in the shape, color and materials of the collars and aprons in use, and in the form of Jewels worn by Past Masters. The result of which is to produce a very motley appearance in the Grand Lodge, and greatly to enhance the price for which the same article could be procured, were all made to one pattern. The Past Master's jewel now in use consists of the extended compasses enclosing either the sun or a five pointed star, as the wearer chooses, and of a form or device most pleasing to his fancy, placed on the square, or on a segment of a circle, or on both. In the opinion of your Committee, the compasses, the sun, and the five pointed star, are emblems belonging to the Officers and Past Officers of the Grand Lodge, and should be only worn by them. In their examination of the subject, your Committee have been favorably impressed with the consistency and simplicity of the regalia of Subordinate Lodges, as prescribed by the Grand Lodge of England; and would recommend it to the consideration of this Grand Lodge. But in so doing they think it by no means advisable to compel those Lodges and Brethren already supplied, to discard that which they have and procure new, but merely to establish a standard for that hereafter to be procured, which will in time bring about that uniformity so much to be desired. They would further recommend the adoption of a rule, that not only the Officers, but the Past Masters of subordinate Lodges should therein, as well as in the Grand Lodge, wear their proper insignia. They therefore offer the following resolution. *Resolved*, That the regalia of Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, procured from and after the passage of this resolution, shall be as follows, to wit:—

APRONS.

Entered Apprentice.—A plain white lamb skin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, and twelve to fourteen inches deep, square at bottom and without ornament, white strings.

Fellow Craft.—A plain white lamb skin, similar to that of the

Entered Apprentice, with the addition only of sky blue rosettes at the bottom, and blue strings.

Master Mason.—The same with sky blue lining and edging one inch and a half deep on the bottom and sides, and one inch deep at the top and round the flap, an additional rosette on the fall or flap, and silver tassels.

Officers.—Master Mason's apron with the emblems of their offices in silver or white in the centre of the apron.

Master.—The Master Mason's apron with the emblem of his office in white or silver in the centre, and in lieu and in the places of the three rosettes, perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles; the length of the horizontal lines to be two inches and a half each, and of the perpendicular lines, one inch; these emblems to be of ribbon half an inch broad, and of the same color as the lining and edging of the apron.

Past Master.—The same as the apron of the Master of the Lodge, with the Past Master's emblem in white or silver in the centre.

JEWELS.

Master	The Square.
Past Master	The Square and the Diagram of the 47th Prop. 1st Book of Euclid engraved on a silver plate, pendent within it.
Senior Warden	The Level.
Junor Warden	The Plumb.
Treasurer	The Cross Keys.
Secretary	The Cross Pens.
Deacons	The Dove.
Master of Ceremony	The Cross Rods.
Tyler	The Sword.

The above named Jewels to be in Silver, and supended from the neck by a light blue ribbon. *Resolved*, That no Brother shall on any pretence be admitted into the Grand Lodge or any Subordinate Lodge, without the regalia appropriate to his rank. *Resolved*, That these resolutions be printed, and a copy furnished by the Grand Secretary to each Lodge under this jurisdiction. All of which is respectfully submitted.

OCTOBER 2, 1854.—The following report was read and adopted. The Committee to whom was referred the communication from Brother Samuel Ritchie, in relation to his non-advancement in Lodge No. 114, beg leave to report—That they have found the facts as set forth in said communication substantially correct, to wit: That he applied for initiation and membership in said Lodge, and after the accustomed inquiries, was balloted for, approved and initiated; that subsequent to his initiation a protest was entered against his advancement, by a Brother of the Lodge, and that a Committee was appointed to inquire into his case and report thereon; said Com-

mittee reported that they could not recommend the Brother to further advancement. The Lodge refused to accept the report of the Committee, and passed a resolution directing the Secretary to give him notice to attend at the next stated meeting of the Lodge for advancement. By direction of the W. M. this notice was not given to the complainant, and in this emergency he appeals to the Grand Lodge. It may be here stated on behalf of the W. M. that his impression was that it required the unanimous voice of the Lodge for advancement; hence his instructions to the Secretary. Your Committee, after having given the subject all the consideration its importance demands, are unanimous in their opinion that after an applicant for initiation and membership has been approved and initiated, he is a member, and as such, entitled to his remaining degrees, unless objected to, and charges preferred against him in the open Lodge; notice of these charges, if practicable, is to be given to the applicant. The Lodge may act on the charges directly, or refer them to a Committee to inquire, and report at the earliest stated meeting possible. If referred, the Lodge is to be notified of the time when the report of the Committee will be acted upon. A majority of the members present shall decide whether the objections have been sustained. If a majority decide that the objections have not been sustained, the Lodge will proceed to advance the applicant. The broad principle being unanimity before initiation, and a majority to govern in all matters concerning a Brother afterwards. In accordance with the foregoing views, your Committee offer the following resolutions, viz. *Resolved*, That Lodge No. 114, be instructed to confer the remaining degrees upon Brother Samuel S. Ritchie, unless they shall for good and sufficient cause shown, rescind the resolution to do so already adopted by them. On motion duly made and seconded, it was *Resolved*, That the opinion contained in the report on Brother Samuel S. Ritchie's case be adopted, as the principle on which similar cases shall be settled in future.

SEPTEMBER 5, 1853.—On motion duly made and seconded, the following was adopted, viz. WHEREAS, Leon Sacks was rejected by Lodge No. 218, in this State; he afterwards went to the city of New York, and was entered, passed and raised; AND, WHEREAS, such impositions and practices deserve censure and punishment. It is hereby ordered by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania that the said Leon Sacks be debarred from visiting, or becoming a member of any Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master, by dispensation, permits special elections in the cases of death, resignation, or removal of the Master or Wardens; such dispensations including the power to fill vacancies occasioned by the promotion of officers of a lower grade at such special election. But a dispensation is not granted unless requested by a resolution of the Lodge. The Members of the Subordinate Lodges should rise at the entrance of *Grand* Officers, of Past Grand, and Deputy Grand Masters, and Worshipful Masters of Lodges. Rising at the

entrance of *Past Masters* is discontinued. The Members of the *Grand Lodge* now rise at the entrance of Past Grand Masters.

JUNE 18, 1855.—*Resolved*, That any Brother who has been suspended for non-payment of dues, and is desirous of again connecting himself with the Lodge to which he formerly belonged, or any other, he having previously paid his dues, must apply by petition, and be recommended by two Master Masons, members of the Lodge, which petition shall be referred to a Committee of three Master Masons, neither of whom are recommenders; and at a subsequent stated meeting having reported unanimously in favor of the petition, a ballot shall be had, and if receiving a unanimous vote, he shall be declared elected.

MARCH 5, 1855.—*Resolved*, That the declaration accompanying the petition for initiation be amended, by inserting the following—"And that I have not been rejected by any regular constituted Lodge." The following is the corrected form of Petition.

To the Worshipful Master, Officers and Members of Lodge No.

The undersigned respectfully prays that he may be initiated into the Mysteries of Freemasonry, and become a member of your Honorable Lodge.

He begs leave to state, that he is unbiased by any improper solicitations of friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary or other unworthy motives, and is prompted to make this request by a favorable opinion conceived of the institution, and a desire of knowledge. He further states that he has not been rejected by any regular constituted Lodge.

If on inquiry he should be found worthy, he will cheerfully conform to all the ancient usages and established customs of the fraternity.

Witness my hand, this day of A. D. 185 A. L. 585

Recommended by

Name,
Age,
Profession,
Residence,

To the Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren of Lodge No.

The Committee appointed to make the necessary inquiry relative to an applicant for Initiation and Membership, respectfully beg leave to Report:—That they have carefully performed the duty assigned them, and find him fully qualified to have the prayer of the Petition granted.

Committee.

JUNE 4, 1855.—The following Report was read, and on motion duly made and seconded, was adopted.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on Land-marks, to whom was referred the communication of Rising Star Lodge, No. 126, complaining of the action

of the Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 43, at Lancaster, on the 8th of November last, in refusing to admit Brother —— as a visitor, respectfully report, That no unworthy or improper motives or feelings are imputed to the W. M. of No. 43, in the course he pursued, on the contrary the protest and complaint itself states that the refusal of the W. M. of No. 43, to admit Brother ——, was based upon the plea, that his admittance would mar the harmony of the Lodge. There is no denial in the complaint that his admission would have had that effect—even if it would, it was not only the right but duty of the W. M. of Lodge No. 43, to refuse to admit Brother —— on the night in question. The good order and harmony of a Lodge are entrusted to the W. M. for the time being; and it is his duty so to exercise the powers entrusted to him as should best promote those objects. For this purpose he has power to refuse admittance to any visitor whose admission will destroy the peace and harmony of his Lodge, but at the same time he is responsible to the Grand Lodge for the exercise of that power in a paternal and Masonic manner. All of which is respectfully submitted. Signed by the Committee on Land-marks. On motion duly made and seconded, it was further resolved, That the principle set forth in the said Report be confirmed by the Grand Lodge.

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